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### A COMPARISON

A good clothing store or a first class drygoods store in a city of 5,000 to 15,000 people will carry a stock of \$25,000 to \$50,000, and some of them more. The man or men who owns a store like this has about the same amount invested in his business that the owners of a coal mine in Indiana that produces 500 to 700 tons a day. The merchant is glad if his \$40,000 investment will make him a profit of \$10,000 a year.

But a 500 ton mine running at two-thirds of its capacity or even half of its capacity will make its owner a net profit of \$100,000 or more per year at current prices. Coal costs less than \$1.25 per ton to load on the cars, including overhead and fixed charges. It sells at from \$2.50 to \$3 on board cars, a net profit of from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per ton. At 300 tons per day the profit can be easily figured for a week, a month or a year. It is this holding that the government and the state government is called on to stop. Coal is a natural monopoly and its production can be easily regulated by law. —New Castle Times.

The military board will begin the work of passing on claims for exemption this afternoon. It's a big job, a mighty important one, and the results will be eagerly awaited by the men as well as their friends.

We are glad of the news today that the four Adams county men who attended the Officer's Training School at Fort Benjamin Harrison the past three months, have been awarded commissions. It was a hard old test, one that required the proper stuff in every way and this is further proven by the fact that fifteen hundred lost out because of physical condition and another 1,000 failed to pass the final "exams." The Adams county men made good and will be thus given the greater opportunity to serve their country and their flag. We congratulate them and we assure each one of our confidence in their ability and that

the people of this community will watch their record in the future with confidence that they will continue to MAKE GOOD in capital letters.

There seems to be some differences of opinion as to whether or not the causes for rejection by the military board for physical disabilities should be published. The board has decided the question and we do not care to discuss it further for that reason. We might add, however, that in our opinion it is a newspaper's business to give the public the news they desire if it can be obtained and we are willing to make every effort possible to obtain it so long as that news does not interfere with the orders of the government.

We have no desire to publish the ills and misfortunes of people but some times it is necessary. In this case there could be much said on each side which would not do any good at this time. The board members are representatives of the war department of the government and their roders go with us. The causes will not be printed, except in cases of appeal and then with consent of the board.

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## BOARD AT WORK

Session for Passing an Exemption Claims Began Here This Afternoon.

### TOTALS ARE GIVEN

Showing That Twenty-four Passed and Did Not Ask for an Exemption.

Called	212
Examined	203
Out of City	3
Soldiers	5
Failed to Appear	5
Passed and Waived Exemption	24
Rejected	68
Passed and Claimed Exemption	105

The military board took a vacation this morning but convened at one o'clock to take up the matter of claims for exemption. A couple of hours was necessary to complete the work of checking up the rejections for physical disability and it was expected that the board would get down to real work about three o'clock. The clerks are busy making copies of the papers, it being necessary to send a copy of the physical report to the district board and a copy of the official report to each man rejected, exempted or discharged as well as a notice to each man accepted.

It is believed that the first 212 men called will furnish between thirty and forty members of the new national army though this cannot be ascertained for a few days.

### FREE CANNING BOOKS

Congressman Albert H. Vestal writes us from Washington that he has in his charge a limited supply of interesting books on canning and drying fruits. He states that he will be glad to send them free of charge to any one who writes to him and request a copy. The titles of the books are: "Drying Fruits and Vegetables in the Home," "Home Canning by the One-Period Cold-Pack Method" and "Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables." If you want one of these books address, Congressman Albert J. Vestal, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

### TO ENTER HOSPITAL

Miss Rowena Shoaf left yesterday afternoon for Fort Wayne to enter the Lutheran hospital to take a nurse's training course at that hospital. Miss Shoaf is a graduate of the Decatur high school, being a member of the class of 1917.

### OUR MISTAKE

It was stated in Tuesday's issue that the flag floating over Camp Niblick was made by Mrs. Hugh Thomas Vail's Sunday school class. It should have been Mrs. W. H. Gilpin's Sunday school class.

### SOCKS AND SHIRTS

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### WOULD STOP WOMEN VOTING

(United Press Service) Indianapolis, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Suit to enjoin women from registering or voting in the city elections was filed in superior court here today by Wm. Knight, president of the Long-Knight Lumber Company. Article 2, section 2 of the state constitution was cited to prove that women do not have the constitutional right to vote.

The suit, it is thought, may serve as a test case for similar action in other cities of the state.

### CROPS DRYING IN MONTANA

Vegetation in the vicinity of Carter, Montana, is burning up on account of the dry weather, according to a letter received by Mrs. John D. Myers from her daughter, Mrs. George Henneford who resides there. No rains have fallen for a long time and everything is scorched. The gardens have failed and it is impossible to buy fresh vegetables for use.

### COMPANY A BENEFIT DANCE

Don't forget Company A's farewell dance tonight at the Masonic hall. The dance will start at 8:45 prompt and the music will be furnished by True Fristoe, Albert Sellermeyer, Ralph Mosure and Elmo Smith. The weather man promises a cool evening and there should be a large crowd attend the company's last dance at home.

### THEY'VE DONNED 'EM, BOYS.

(United Press Service) Chicago, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—At last, boys, the women have donned the trousers. They made their appearance in styles to be worn in evening gowns at the opening of the style show of the Chicago Garment Manufacturer's associations here last night. Femininely speaking, of course they are pantaloons; but they look just the same.

### THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH.

If you read it in the Berne Witness, it's usually true. Therefore we do not doubt the truth of the following unusual item which appeared in the classified section of that paper:

"For Sale—85 year old mare with colt by side. Call on Emil Dadert-scher, Berne."

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Real estate transfers: Decatur Cemetery Association to Phoebe M. Rice, lot in cemetery, \$56.40.

The county clerk has issued the following hunting and fishing licenses: Congressman Albert J. Vestal, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

### TO ENTER HOSPITAL

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Otto Conrad, born February 9, 1894, son of August Conrad, to wed Freda Eickhoff, born November 10, 1896, daughter of Fred Eickhoff.

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### SANITARY DEPARTMENT MOBILIZES.

(United Press Service) Rushville, Ind., August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Sanitary detachment, Fourth regiment Indiana national guard, mustered into federal service yesterday, will remain in service here for an indefinite period. Mayor Carey today denied rumors that the unit had been ordered transferred to the state fair grounds.

### SELLS AN OVERLAND

A five passenger Overland touring car was sold and delivered to Fred Shafer, of this city, Tuesday, by the Holthouse Sales Company, local agents for the Overland automobile.

### NOTICE

The Sunday school class of Mrs. J. W. Downs will meet this evening at the home of Helen Walters. Every member be present promptly at 7:30.

### WOMEN DO THE CANNING.

(United Press Service) Washington, D. C., July 31—"There is immediate necessity for the further active participation of the women of the country in the work of canning, drying, pickling and preserving," Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture, stated today.

"Already Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin are concentrating every available resource in order to save from waste large quantities of perishable fruits and vegetables.

"Where there is no home produce, canhousewives should take advantage of the increased quantities of truck garden supplies to supply their pantry shelves most economically with a fresh 'winter garden and orchard.'

The newspapers, women's clubs and the churches, in addition to our own extension force, are assisting the housewives in their canning efforts. Special instructions are being printed daily in leading newspapers, describing in detail well-tried and tested practical methods for canning, drying, preserving and pickling. Any housewife who desires additional information is urged to get in touch with local organizations which are dealing specifically with the subject, or with the local representatives of the department of agriculture, the state agricultural colleges, or directly with the department of agriculture in Washington, which will mail free of charge on receipt of a post card request, literature covering all the phases of canning, drying, preserving, pickling and the home storing of perishable fruits and vegetables."

"By co-operating with the department at this time," Secretary Houston added, "the women of the country can render a definite national service."

### DEMOCRAT WANT ADS PAY BIG.

### SWEET-POTATO STORAGE

Nonpatented Storage Houses Effective—No Need to Pay Fancy Prices.

There is no mystery about building a satisfactory storage house for sweet potatoes. Southern farmers who are paying large prices for patented plans and equipment alleged to provide the only successful way of storing sweet potatoes, are being defrauded. Specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture whose attention recently has been called to instances in which farmers have paid as high as \$750 for sets of plans, do not hesitate to brand such activities as plain humbuggery. Plans of houses that incorporate the simple principles of construction, and which have proved successful by years of careful trial are furnished free by the department to any farmer who will ask for them.

### SHORTEST OF HELP

More Urged to Study Stenography and Typewriting.

There is a great shortage of stenographers and typewriters available for use in government service and a bulletin sent out from the civil service department, to Postmaster J. W. Bosse, urges that he give wide publicity to the fact. More are urged to take up the study of these branches to fill the great demand. Bulletins were also received asking for assistance land classifiers, and junior land classifiers. Applicants must be male and must be versed in Agronomy, animal husbandry, plant ecology, geology, irrigation and water supply.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Josephine, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is here on a visit, is keeping up her Sunday school record, though far from home. She is a member of the Christian Sunday school at Los Angeles, and the little girl has the distinction of having never missed a Sunday at class since she has been old enough to attend. She is a member of the Christian Sunday school at Los Angeles, and the little girl has the distinction of having never missed a Sunday at class since she has been old enough to attend. She is a member of the Christian Sunday school at Los Angeles, and the little girl has the distinction of having never missed a Sunday at class since she has been old enough to attend.

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