

Random Shots

See that the census taker don't miss you.

Lee Richmond says that he greatly admires General Pershing both as a military leader and a soldier, but does not favor him for the presidency and feels that this is the general sentiment of the people over the country.

Mark Woods should worry.

Riddle: When is a military leader not a soldier?

There is danger that within the next few weeks the money of many foreign countries will become absolutely without value in international exchange.

Will someone please tell us where we can spend a Mexican half-dollar before the crash comes?

Man has just been arrested for a forgery committed ten years ago.

Isn't it fortunate that gambling is not a crime, but a misdemeanor?

If every man who has played poker within the past ten years were subject to arrest, there are a lot of towns that would be deserted.

Let's we forget—March is supposed to mark the end.

One Alliance business man insinuated that we ate enough at the firemen's banquet the other evening to keep us going fully a week over the time limit.

There was Bevo on the table. One sedate citizen drank six bottles before he discovered the difference.

Fred H. Humphrey, writing in The Journal about the Cole-Grammer case, has this to say: "Is a man a soul, or is he a body? If it is a fact that a man is a soul and not body, is it a fit punishment for crime to strike away the body and leave the soul free? Is it wise for the state, when it has a man where it can handle him and imprison him, to release him and set him free?"

Oh, blither! And likewise bosh!

More work for Jesse Holmes. Jesse, you will recall, is better known by his official title of The Fool Killer.

York man who purchased six bottles of "Adiposa Oriental Flesh Producer" is to be tried for illegal possession of liquor.

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Nothing is too good for our subscribers.

Rufe Jones used the word "inconsequentially" twice in a five-minute conversation the other day.

He knows some good ones, too.

If Webster II, why not Webster III?

We understand that the "shimmy" is unknown in Japan.

It's the dance we are referring to.

They say the national drink doesn't encourage that kind of dancing. They drink tea in Japan.

"You cannot drink anywhere (that is, legally) except in your own home or as a bona-fide guest in the home of a hospitable friend."—Extract from Federal Regulations.

"Nother riddle: When is a guest not a guest?"

Answer: When he's a-thirst.

Most of us are now open to bona-

fide invitations where bona-fide refreshments will be served.

One Alliance man says he isn't particular—he'll drink it in an alley if the seal is still on the bottle.

THREE CHILDREN TO RECEIVE HONORS

Nation-Wide Essay Contest Planned by Army—Pershing to Be One of the Judges

Here's the chance of a lifetime for three kids in the United States: The United States army has inaugurated a contest that will be open to the students of all schools, except colleges and universities, whether public, private, sectarian or non-sectarian, and the winners may be male or female, black or white or brown or red, American born or foreign born.

The children winning the first three prizes with essays on "What Are the Benefits of an Enlistment in the United States Army?" will receive a free trip to Washington, D. C., with all their expenses, and the expenses of their parents and guardians, paid by the government. They will receive medals and loving cups to be taken back to their schools. It will be a nation-wide contest, and the winners will have something to be proud of for the rest of their natural lives.

Here's the plan, as announced by the war department:

On April 19 next, a board of judges consisting of Secretary of War Baker, General Peyton C. March and General John J. Pershing, will announce to the awaiting juvenile world the names of three boys or girls who on February 20, 1920, wrote the best essays on the subject: "What Are the Benefits of an Enlistment in the United States Army?"

Then on May 5, 1920, these three boys and girls, accompanied by parents or guardians (railroad fares and all expenses paid to Washington and return for both winners and parents), will be presented with medals by Secretary Baker himself.

Gold medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the first prize.

Silver medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the second prize.

Bronze medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the third prize.

In addition, three beautiful silver cups, suitably engraved, will be presented to be winners by Secretary Baker, to be carried back home by them as prizes for the schools they attend.

The contest is under the auspices of the war department, but the newspaper, Come Back, the official organ of the Walter Reed hospital in Washington, asked permission to purchase the prizes. This permission was granted and the school children are really competing for prizes that were provided by maimed and injured soldiers now at Walter Reed hospital.

There is no age limit in this contest and the little seven year old girl in Santa Barbara, Cal., has the same chance of winning a prize as has the nineteen year old high school boy of Baltimore.

New York state has many times the number of school pupils that Nevada has, yet the chance of producing winners in each of these states is exactly the same.

Essays will be written in the classrooms on Friday, February 20, 1920, from notes if desired.

No essay will be more than four hundred words in length.

Pencil, or pen and ink, may be used, but the essay will be written on only one side of the sheet.

Essays will be judged strictly on a basis of originality, expression and sincerity.

Each school will be the judge of its own product. The principal of each school will appoint a board of three judges to select one of the entry from his school, then forward the entry, no later than February 27, 1920, to the recruiting station nearest his district.

The district recruiting officer will appoint a board of three judges to pass on the essays submitted by the schools of his district. One will be selected as the best and will be forwarded to Washington as the district's entry.

From the entries of the fifty-six districts Secretary Baker and General Pershing and March will select the three national winners. These winners may be boys or girls, or any color, of any age.

Ask your father or your brother to tell you something about our new, democratic peace time army. If they do not know write to the nearest recruiting station for literature.

It may mean a free trip to Washington for your mother and you, with a medal for yourself and a beautiful cup for your school and you'll be envied by millions of children. It's the chance of a lifetime!

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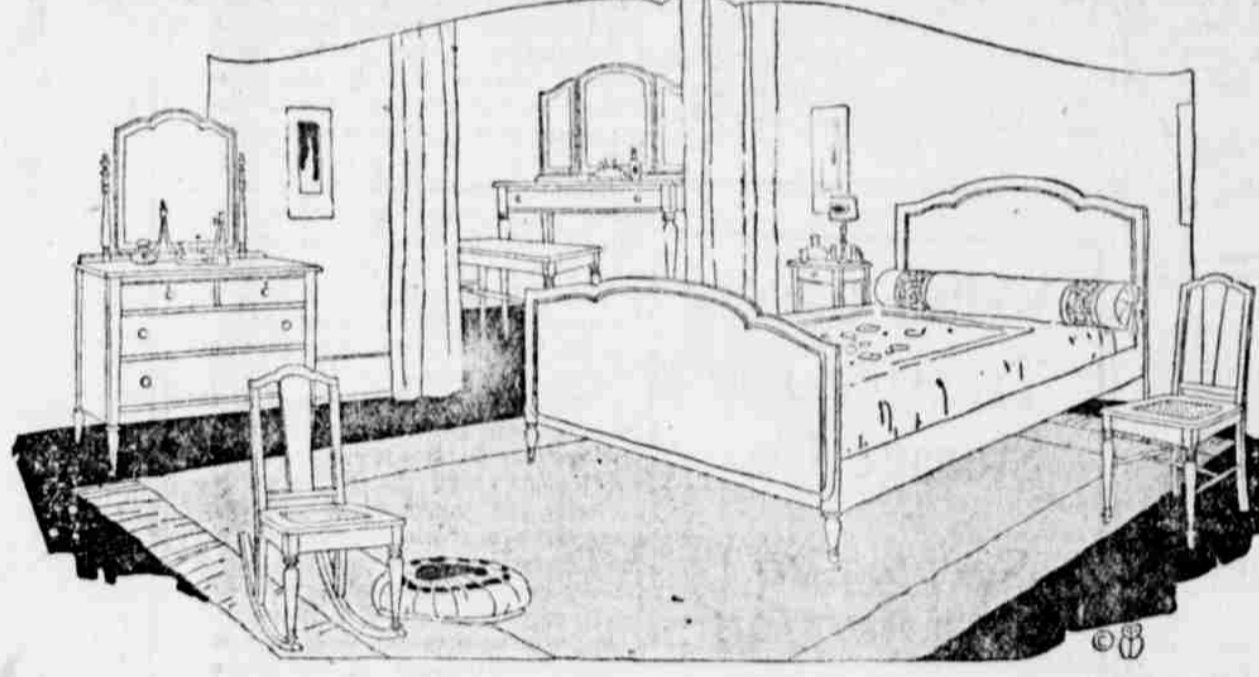
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