SLACKER? NOT HE! PUTS OFF WEDDING

Bride-Elect Gives Her Husband-to-Be to Uncle Sam—Marriage Rush Still On.

MANY SEEK CERTIFICATES

A big poster, depicting soldiers charging across an imaginary battlefield, with the caption, "Enlist in the Army," now confronts every couple applying for a marriage license at the court house. Recruiting officers put up the poster with the permission of the county court officials. Even "Friday the 13th," failed to exert any slackening influence on the rush at marriage license desk. A dozen of the life (?) certificates had been issued up till noon, the majority of them to young people. Of course, some wag had to spring the old bromide that "wifey's home-made biscuits can't be much more deadly than hand grenades;" but "Cupid" Stubbendorf, marriage license clerk, kept on writing.

One Effect of Poster.

The army poster did its duty in one instance, for a prospective bridegroom backed out at the last minute and told his intended that he "wasn't going to do anything to be called a slacker." This couple had entered the county court and was waiting while another pair dickered with the marriage license clerk. Suddenly the youth in the case spied the poster and the charging soldiers staring down at him.

He looked at his fiancee, then down at the floor. "You know, Mary, they're calling all young men who get married now slackers. Shall we or shan't we? Can't we wait till fall; maybe peace'll be declared by then." Tears came to Mary's eyes, but she walked slowly out of the county court office with her sweetheart.

Newspaper men questioned this couple and learned that they had really intended to be married this month. They declared they will not marry as long as the term "slacker" is used in reference to young wartime bridegrooms.

Miltary Ages.

It is significant that in the present brisk state of affairs around the marriage license office the majority of the youths applying for certificates are between the ages of 20 and 25—the ages of possible conscription.

When David Orenstein, 23 years old, a native of Roumania, obtained a license to wed Sarah Work, 22 years old, a native of Russia, he explained that he was not going to get married to avoid military service.

"I am ready and willing to serve my adopted country in the war," he said, "and I intend to enlist in the army soon. Sarah and I had planned to get married this week, and are going ahead with our plans in spite of the war. She is willing to have me go to war, and I shall be glad to fight for Uncle Sam."

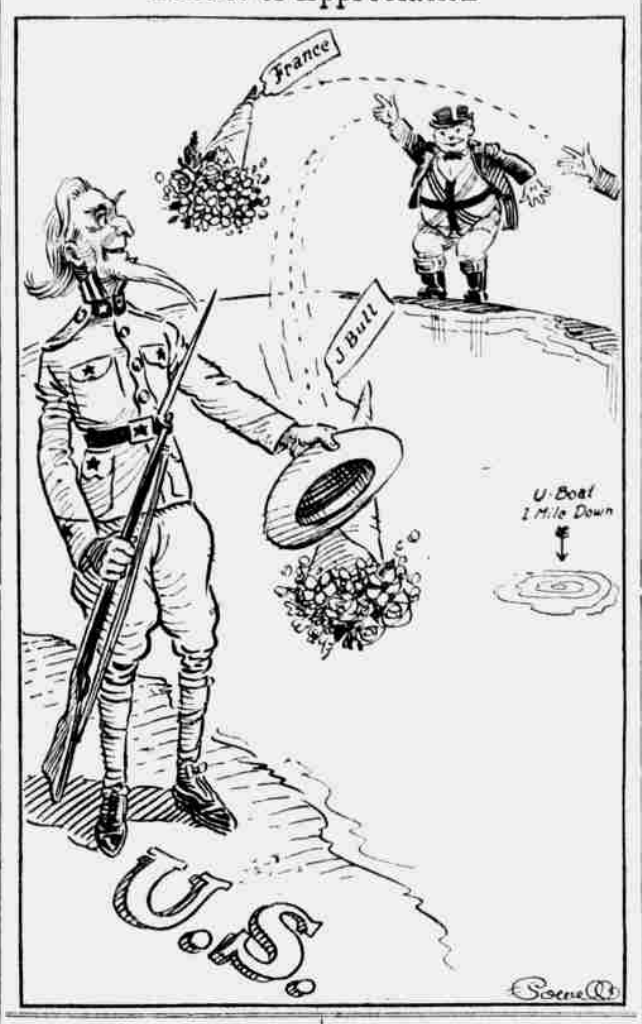
Camera Man's Dream.

For lack of bona fide subjects to suit his ends, an "enterprising" photographer for a local evening paper arranged a fake photograph at the marriage license bureau Friday morning. George Kennedy, docket clerk at the court house, and a young woman employe in the building were induced to pose as a prospective bridal couple. "Cupid" Stubbendorff, always willing to be accommodating, was also induced to pose in the picture. He appears in the act of pointing toward an army recruiting sign, when apparently asked by the fake lovers to issue a license.

Park School Children Buy Thousands of Seeds

Principals of public schools are cooperating in the sale of packages of seeds to children at 1 cent per package. The Park school children bought 2,671 packages. This custom has been in vogue for several years. Interest this season exceeds former springs.

Tokens of Appreciation



Omaha Students Join Army's Aviation Corps

Kenneth Norton and Harry Menold, well known Omaha High school graduates, now in their senior year at Cornell university, are visiting their parents here while awaiting call to take up reserve officers' corps aviation training at Pensacola, Fla. They have passed rigid physical examinations and have been credited with full work and diplomas by their college. Many of their schoolmates also have entered the military training for the war. Robert Loomis, son of N. H. Loomis, Union Pacific attorney, has quit school in New York to enter the reserve army officers' corps.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits have been issued to the following:

F. W. Beach, 3628 South Twenty-third avenue, repairs, $1,500; Benson & Carmichael, 1023 North Thirty-third, frame dwelling, $2,500; Earl J. Mahoney, 3815 M, repairs, $600; Templer MacFayden, 4815 Burt, frame dwelling, $2,000; Mrs. T. R. Gustafson, 3621 Lafayette, frame dwelling, $2,500.

Lovelace Says There Will Be No Idle Land This Year

Assistant Immigration Agent Lovelace of the Burlington is back from a tour through western Nebraska and Wyoming. He found farmers all enthusiastic over the crop outlook and everywhere he found them bending every energy to plant as many acres as possible.

The high prices being obtained by farmers for everything they have to sell, Mr. Lovelace asserts, is attracting hundreds of people from the towns and to the land. There will be no idle land this year, for every acre that has heretofore been broken up is going to be cropped.

Y. W. C. A. Girls to Continue Hunt for Summer Camp Fund

Girls of the Young Women's Christian association who have been campaigning for a fund with which to buy a summer camping site will not discontinue their canvass for cash, even though the campaign formally closes Saturday. They plan to keep on collecting money until they have enough to buy their summer camp and its equipment.

The athletic girls' team will sponsor an ice cream and cake supper at Benson & Thorne's store April 21. The management of the store will donate the ice cream and the girls will bake and contribute the cake. The proceeds from the sale will, of course, be given to the camp fund.

Thursday's receipts were $569.02, making the collected total of 10,641.36.

Bankers Debate On the Railroad Ownership

The Omaha Chapter of the American Institute of Banking held a tryout Thursday night in the Hotel Loyal preliminary to their debate with Des Moines on the subject, "Resolved, That the railroads of the United States be owned and operated by the federal government." As a result of the contest the following members were chosen to uphold the affirmative side against Des Moines: W. H. Dressler, Stock Yards National bank, South Side; William Phillips, Corn Exchange National bank, and Gwyer H. Yates, United States National bank. Three alternates were also chosen.

The debate will be staged in Omaha April 27.