Major S. E. Brett, Captain Karl J. Swenson and Private E. C. Kyle Awarded Distinguished Cross.

Three Portland boys in the United States Army in France have been been decorated simultaneously with the disdecorated simultaneously with the dis-tinguished service cross for bravery in action, according to information re-ceived here yesterday. They are Major Sereno E. Brett, Tank Corps; Major Karl J. Swenson, Medical Corps; Major Private Ernest C, Kyle, stretcher bearer. Two of them were born in Partiand. Portiand.

Portland.

Major Brett, commander of the 344th Tank Battalion, and one of the trio to receive highest Army honors, was born in Portland 27 years ago. The citation in this case reads: "Maj. Sereno E. Brett, Tank Corps. For extraordinary heroism is action near Richecourt, Prance, September 12, 1918. On the opening day of the St. Mihiel offensive Maj. Brett led his battalion on foot from Richecourt to the Bois Quart De Reserve in the face of heavy machinegun and artillery fire, and by his coolness and courage setting an example to the entire battalion. Home address, James Brett, 578 East Stark street, Portland, Oregon."

Brett Long in Service. Young Brett went to the Mexican border in 1916, immediately after being graduated from the Oregon Agricul-tural College. In college he took a lively interest in the military organization and had become commander of the battalion. On his return from the border Mr. Brett took the examination for Second Lieutenancy at Fort Rosecrans, joining the regular Army. He was sent to Fort Leavenworth for three months' training.

In November, 1916, he was assigned to the 22d Infantry at Fort Hancock as First Lieutenant. Later he was as signed to the 28th regulars, and wenoverseas with General Pershing and the First Division. He was picked to organize the first American tank battalion in Europe. This was designated the 336th Tank Eattalion, as it was then linked with the Engineer regiment of that number. He was made a Major on completing formation of the unit and has ever since commanded it, though it was later designated the 344th Tank Battalion

Young Soldier Commended. His conspicuous bravery in the St. Miniel engagement attracted the attention of his superiors. Major-General Summerall, then commanding the First Division, wrote the tank brigade commander: "I particularly desire to commend by name their commander, Major S. E. Brett." The letter said that the Porrlander's acts helped paye the way. Portlander's acts helped pave the way

Fortlander's acts helped pave the way for a successful advance.

When the name of Captain Swenson was included in the honor trio he had not yet received the promotion to Major, accorded him November 22. Mrs. Swenson, living at Beaverton, has just received this information in a letter from him. For 10 years prior to enlistment, when the United States entered the war, Major Swenson was a Portland physician, with an office in the Broadphysician, with an office in the Broad-

Commission as First Lieutenant was given him in June, 1917 and in September he was called to Camp Lewis for duty. He was made a Captain before duty. He was made a Captain before leaving with the 91st Division for France. The Major serving in the Medical Corps, has seen greater service at the front than the infantrymen. They were called into service at St. Mihiel, while other units remained in reserve. reserve. He is now with the 91st in

Major Swenson Gassed.

Major Swenson has written his wife of being gassed and having the dress-ing station shot away from above him, but gave no inkling of the special bravery indicated in this citation:

"Captain Karl J. Swenson, Medical Corps, 315th Sanitary Train. For repeated acts of extraordinary heroism peated acts of extraordinary heroism in action near Very, France, Septem-ber 28 to October 4, 1918, and near Audenarde, Belgium, October 30 to No-vember 3, 1918. During the drive in the Forest of Argonne Captain Swen-son established and maintained a dressing station at Very under almost constant aerial raids and severe shell fire. During the operations between the Lys and Scheldt rivers this officer repeatedly showed utter disregard for his own life, maintaining liaison between his own advanced dressing station and the battalion aid stations and searching for wounded on the battle-field while he was exposed to heavy fire from artillery, machine gun and

As a stretcher-bearer Private Ernest C. Kyle, whose home is at 450 Miller avenue, exhibited such bravery in helping transport a wounded soldier to safety he, too, is receiving the dis-tinguished honor. He served with the lifth Ambulance Company, 104th Sanitary Train.

Private Kyle Under Fire.

He is honored, says the announcement "for extraordinary heroism in action near Haumont, France, October II, 1918. Private Kyle, a stretcher-hearer, gave proof of great courage and high cense of duty by helping transport a wounded soldier to a dressing station under heavy enemy fire, by which three other stretcher-hearers were killed or other stretcher-bearers were killed or seriously wounded. He repeatedly re-turned to shell-swept area and assisted in rescuing the wounded."

in rescuing the wounded."

The mother, Mrs. Clara Kyle, has heard the son was wounded, but received a Christmas card from him stating only that he is "O. K." The young man was born in Portland and is 22 years old. He enlisted in March, 1917. Was first located in Texas camps in the infents. in the infantry. He was assigned to the ambulance service and sent over-Harry Kyle, is in the Navy, now sta-tioned at Bremerton.

HOOD RIVER MAN RETURNS

Forrest L. Moe Arrives From Fortress Monroe, Va.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Forrest L. Moe, son of A. D. Moe, publisher of the Hood River Glacier, arrived yesterday from Fortress Monroe, Va., where he had just been mustered out of active service and placed on the reserve officers' list, fol-lowing award of a commission as Sec-ond Lieutenant in Coast Artillery.

Lieutenant Moe says that at no place in the East did he see a newspaper that could compare with the Portland Oregonian. "I find many other men have made similar observations," he says. "In The Oregonian we have come to realize we have one of the best newspapers in the United States."

Liquor Search Protested.

PORTLAND BOYS WIN
HONORS UNDER FIRE

day night train for Seattle were disturbed in their borths while their baggage and effects were searched for liquor, Conductor J. W. Pyncheon, of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, yesterday lost a day's sleep at the Multnomah. The conductor came in from his trip and went to the headquarters of the company to present a written protest that his passengers had filed with him. It was signed by a number of women, as well as officers of the Arnly. The report stated that a roughly dressed man entered the Pullman car, Jerked back the curtains of berths and flashed an electric light on the occupants of the berths. He announced that he was an officer and was looking for Ilquor. He searched berths and grips, much to the chagrin of the passengers. Conductor Pyncheon has asked for instructions.

SPELLACY NAVAL ADVISER

United States Attorney for Connecticut Accepts Position.

CONCORD, Conn., Dec. 28 .- Thomas J. Spellacy, United States Attorney for Connecticut, today announced his resignation, to become legal adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secre-

FUTURE IS SUBJECT

Expansion of Industry to Post-War Basis Is One Object of

tion programmes which halted all but necessary municipal work.

At the convention in Portland, which has been called by Governor Withycombe, leaders in every line of endeavor will be asked to present ideas to the convention and before the session is adjourned a definite line of action will be adopted covering the entire state.

Reconstruction Convention to Open January 9.

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The dates selected for the convention are the same as those of the Oregon Irrigation Congress and the Oregon Drainage Association, scheduled to convene in Portland. This will not conflict in any way, however, as both associations have been requested to name delegates to attend the reconstruction convention.

The convention will be held in the

QUESTION LOOMS

The convention will be held in the Public Auditorium. No entertainment features are planned, as the important work to be discussed will occupy the attention of the delegates during every moment of the convention.

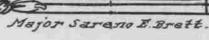
150 NEW CASES REPORTED

Spanish Influenza Starts Up Again in Recent 24 Hours.

After a week of steady decline in the Pranklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Spellacy will accompany Mr. Roosevelt when he salls for Europe next Thursday. There are many claims of various kinds against

THREE PORTLAND BOYS RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS IN FRANCE.







Ermest C. Xyle



an indictment charging him with ap-propriating an automobile without the owner's consent, was sentenced by Cir-cuit Judge Tucker yesterday to 60 days in the County Jalk . He was then granted a parole.

the Navy due to operations during the war. Messrs. Roosevelt and Spellacy will be met at Brest by Admiral Wilson, who will supply data concerning claims coming from France and Belgium.

After a two days' stay at Brest the party will go to London, where they will meet Admiral Sims. They will also visit Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal.

Hayden Loses Fight.

J. B. Hayden, held at the City Jall as a fugitive from the state of Idaho, yesterday lost his fight for release, when Presiding Judge Tucker denied his petition for a writ of habeas corpus, Within an hour from the time he was remained back to Jall Hayden procures his release through \$4000 in bonds, which were also reported, which is the low-will be remained back to Jall Hayden procures his release through \$4000 in bonds, which were secured by his attorney, Morris Goldstein.

Stahley Sentenced and Paroled.

Fred Stahley, who pleaded gullty to an indictment charging him with ap-

says Mayor Baker, rests the future destiny of Oregon.

State work, such as road improvements and other large projects, were set to one side in order to conserve both labor and funds which were needed to aid in the successful prosecution of the war. Cities adopted conserva-

Major Karl J. Swenson.

ities which can partially be taken over by state police for biennium: Special fish and game wardens, \$5327.98.

State fair police, detectives, ticket takers, etc., \$3000. Special agents for apprehension of criminals, \$4000. The foregoing three items give the commission on consolidation a saving to report of \$842,527.98. Rent of offices in Portland for the last biennium amounted to \$18,900. By transferring the departments to Salem, a saving of \$7000 is pointed out. The other \$11,300 would be necessary to rent offices which some of the depart-

ments must have in the city.

The Industrial Accident Commission is recommended to shift to Portland instead of having a headquarters at Salem, inasmuch as 60 per cent of the business handled originates in Portland and then there is the cost of traveling between Salem and Portland which in between Salem and Portland, which ! itself, in two years, consumed \$2500

Boards May Be Abolished. of 11 boards and commissions during the last blennium, the Commission on Consolidation figures that \$10,000 can be saved by abolishing the boards.

POSSIBLE, IS REPORT

Commission Predicts Material Drop

mendations Are Approved.

"reduction of cierical help and other

"reduction of cierical help and other economies that will be brought about by consolidation of related functions. A total saving of \$500,000 per annum might reasonably be expected."

Here is how the Commission on Consolidation figures out the economies which are recommended to the Legislature showing the resulting saving.

ature, showing the possible saving per siennium by economical management and consolidation, based on appropria-ions of 1917-1918;

Industrial accident commission, ex-ense limit, \$575,600.

Professional boards and new license tees, \$20,000, Stallion registration consolidation with live stock sanitary board, \$2500.

Reduced Appropriations Loom. State printing board consolidation with state printer, \$4000.
Election pamphlets, change in delivery, \$10,000.

Biennial motor vehicle licenses, \$28,-

Pilot commissioners, abolished, \$1200.
Desert land board abolished, \$1200.
Social hygiene society, reduced in appropriation, \$16,000.
Mines and geology, reduced in appropriation, \$20,000.
Tourist association reduced

Tourist association, reduced in ap-ropriation, \$22,500. Public Service Commission, reduced

in appropriation, \$40,000.

State architect, saving in architect's fees, \$7,000.

Saving in rent by transferring de-artments in Portland to Salem. \$7000 Saving by abolishing boards, \$10,000. Total, \$820,200.

Huge Saving Is Seen The report goes further and shows now more money can be saved by giv-ng the state police more to do. For a nature, amounts available for activ-

District attorneys, \$72,000.

in State Expense if Recom-

taxpayer, for it says: "Although it is believed the amounts may be saved to the state biennially by the adoption of the proposed recommendations, it should be noted that it may not thereby be possible to reduce the total appropriations to that property in all parts of the growth of according to members of the Realty extent on account of the growth of public functions and the increasing board committee, which met yestercost of supplies and necessary advances in salaries and wages, due largely to war conditions and beyond control of the state. This, however, may be offset to some extent by the may be offset to some extent by the economy possible within the depart-ments through consolidation and in-croased efficiency."

YANK SCORES HIT IN PARIS

PROUD BRITISH OFFICER OUT-DONE IN THEATER STUNT.

American Officer Raises Stars and ing: Stripes Highest and Is Lauded by Allied Soldiers.

By holding the American flag aloft in a Paris theater after a British of-ficer had sent the Union Jack soaring to the ceiling with the assertion that it was higher than the flag of any other nation, an American medical officer was made the hero of the occasion, ac-cording to Major C. B. Marcellus, former City Health Officer. An account of the affair, which took place during the peace celebration, is related in a

ebration, according to the accounts which I have received. Well, Paris wasn't at all slow. In one of the leading theaters, many of the ailied officers and men were in attendance, having a hilarious time. One Britisher conceived the excellent idea of tying an English flag to a balloon and sending it to the ceiling, then shouted "There goes the old British flag higher than

large fountain in the center of the it read theater, getting soaked, and waved the dition. flag, daring any Englishman to pull it

"It made such a hit with the Canadians and Australians and New Zealanders that they carried the American medical officer all about the building on their shoulders, through the streets and compelled him to be their guest for three days."

Lientenant Corbett Recovers.

Complete recovery from wounds suffered when in action on the west front is indicated in a letter dated November 16 which has just been received by Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett from her son, Lieutenant Hamilton Corbett. In his letter, which is thought to have been written in the vicinilty of Coblens, Lleutenant Corbett said he was going on into Germany with the army of oc-

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GRANT, FORMER CITY ATTOR-NEY, TO DRAW AMENDMENT.

Equitable Taxation of Property Is Sought in Connection With Consolidation.

In summing up its recommendations showing the saving of \$842,527.98, the report of the commission does not give much encouragement to the hopeful event that the city of Portland is consolidated with the county will be procommittee and the county budget committee will hold a meeting, and if the amedment meets with general favor will be presented to the Multnomah

legislative delegation.
An amendment to the constitution drawn by L. M. Lepper was discarded by the committee, because it failed to provide for a zoning system of taxanness to every Deaf person who asks for it

The Realty Board committee, which met yesterday and which is strongly in favor of passage of the amendment enabling the city and county to take the necessary steps to affect a conolidation, is composed of the follow-

City Commissioner A. L. Barbur, chairman; Ben Riesland, H. N. Atchi-son, F. S. Fields, T. E. Dodson, E. B. Holmes, C. Lewis Mcade, Henry E. Reed and Frank S. Grant

Camp Lewis Well Represented Here. Camp Lewis will be represented by about 800 men in uniform who came to Portland yesterday for the New Year holidays, including the week-end. This travel, coupled with the California movement, which is steadily keeping up to the high standard of the days preceding Christmas made all south-bound eding Christmas, made all souththe peace celebration, is related in a trains heavy yesterday and last night letter to City Chemist Calloway, as follows:

There was a stream of clive-drab clack lows:

men pouring through the gates at Union station last evening at the hours the trains from Puget Sound came in, and a heavy stream of civilians and soldiers eaving by trains for California. All Southern Pacific trains carried extra equipment and the late trains were run in two sections.

Dr. Wright Recovers Auto.

Dr. B. E. Wright's automobile was that of any other nation."

"Immediately a big, fat American medical officer rushed to the stage, grabbed an American flag from the decorations and with it safely tucked inside his shirt, climbed to the top of a was turned under by the thief. Making large of the live on the license number 57064 lower. t read 7004. The car was in good con

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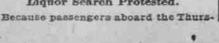
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Federal Constitution















B. L. Eddy, Senator, Douglas.

Ira S. Smith, Senator, I. L. Patterson, Senator, Benton and Polk. Cos and Curry.

Benton and Polk.

Lane and Linn.

C. A. Sidler, elected Representative for Josephine County, was born 47 years ago in Milwaukee, Wis. In 1899 he graduated from the law school of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Sidler was elected to the Wisconsin Legislature in 1903. Five years later—1908—he moved to Grants Pass, where he has practiced law for the past six years. He was a referee in bankruptcy, but has resigned. Since last Summer he was accretary and member of the local board. His family consists of himself and wife. Folitically, he is a Republican. W. W. Banks, elected State Senator for the district consisting of Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah, was born in Illinois in 1876, coming to Oregon in 1889. He received his education in the public schools of Portland and graduated from the University of Oregon law department. In 1903 he was elected as a Representative from Multnomah County. Later he was Assistant United States Attorney during the Roosevelt Administration and at present he is president of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. Mr. Banks is a Republican.

John F. Bell, Senator for Lane and Linn counties, is a Republican, born in Willamette Valley 47 years ago. In 1884 he moved to Joseph, Ore, and then went to Washington State for 18 months; returning, he has made his home in Oregon. Mr. Bell was interested in development work in Crook Countysfor a number of years. He is now vice-president of the bank at Shedd and a resident of Eugene.

B. L. Eddy, age 53, born in Washington County, is a holdover Senator for Douglas County. Mr. Eddy has had an active political career. He was elected to the Legislature as a Representative in 1901 and again in 1903. For four years he was Register of the Land Office at Roseburg. He served as Senator in the 1917 session and the 1919 session will complete his four-year term. Mr. Eddy acted as the county food administrator of Douglas County. He wished to introduce the resolution to ratify the proposed prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Federal Constitution.

Ira S. Smith, of Marshfield, is a Republican and a holdover Senator for Coos and Curry counties. He is a native of Oregon and has been by turns a school teacher, politician and merchant. For two years he taught school; served as Sheriff of Polk County in 1888; was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1904; was elected to the Senate for the sessions of 1913 and 1915 and re-elected for the sessions of 1917 and 1919.

I. L. Patterson is one of the best-known men in the coming session of the Legislature, owing to his long and active career in Oregon politics. He was born in Benton County in 1859 and is now elected to represent Benton and Polk counties in the State Senate. His principal occupation is farming. This is not his first experience in the Legislature, for in the sessions of 1893 and 1895 he was in the Senate. For nine years he was Collector of Customs in Portland, receiving his appointment in 1898.