

With Malice Toward None  
With Charity for All  
With Firmness in the Right.

# THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER

Pt. Cloudy, Lt. Frost Tonight.  
Highest temp. yesterday.....49  
Lowest temp. last night.....34

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## MAY SOON RECEIVE WORD TO MOBILIZE

### War Department Asks Adjutant General For Information About Soldiers.

## ORDERS ARE WITHHELD

### Guard Officials Decline to Reveal Meaning of Activities, but All Indications Are for Order to Active Service.

That the local company coast artillery will receive an order to mobilize within a very short time is indicated by activity now general in national guard circles. Adjutant General White, active head of the national guard of Oregon, has received word from the war department to furnish information as to the ability of the Oregon troops to meet any unexpected demand that may be made upon them.

Information is desired as to the amount and kind of equipment needed to put the full strength of the guard into the field. Particularly is inquiry being made regarding tents, provisions and uniforms now on hand or that can be secured without delay.

Captain Buchanan, together with other members and officers of the guard decline to state what this all means by those in the high commands and therefore more closely in touch with the war department matters give indications of knowing much more as concerns probable troop movements than they will disclose. From reports reaching this city, Portland is making every effort to fill up ranks so that a call which may come any moment will find the various units at full war strength and ready to take the field. Captain Buchanan of the Fourth Company is also planning on an active campaign for more recruits for his organization. At the present time he is planning on the insertion of an advertisement in the news papers stating the need for additional men and in case of orders for mobilization these small displays will probably be increased to flaming full page ads, urging the younger men to respond to their patriotic duties.

The local company is below its normal condition in regard to the number of men. In case of its becoming necessary to prepare for war service 109 men will be necessary, while less than two thirds of this number is enlisted at the present time. The coast artillery units throughout the state, however, are in a much better shape than are the infantry companies for the call to the Mexican border seems to have completed a demoralization of the national guard. The men objected to the patrol service to a great extent, not because of its hardships, or through a lack of patriotism, but because of the fact that they were forced to remain away from their homes and families and in a great many instances at a reduce rate of pay and at the same time remain idle and seeing no active service. A great number of them refused to re-enlist and the recruiting seems to be at a standstill at the present time. Guard officials believe, however, if the call should be made that there would be a general response and that it would be only a matter of a few days until the companies were recruited to war strength.

In speaking of the procedure, which will probably be followed in the event of a call, Captain Buchanan stated that the men will be kept at the armory in constant drill and preparation until such a time as the company can be moved which would be within about a week.

## ASSASSINATION OF KAISER UNCONFIRMED

The News office was besieged all day with questions from all parts of the country in regard to the rumor of the assassination of the Kaiser. The rumor originated evidently out of thin air and was sent broadcast along the Pacific coast, shortly after the evening editions were on the streets. The morning papers at once issued extras and the rumor became widespread.

The news first reached Roseburg by telegraph and later copies of the extras were brought in by passengers on the south bound trains. It was impossible to obtain a confirmation last night, but this morning a telegram was sent to Portland asking for details and it was stated that the rumor was false and absolutely unfounded. The wires between Chicago and Portland and back to New York were kept active for some time, the Portland operator stated, but

## TEAM TO GET SHIELD.

The Roseburg high school state championship basketball team is to receive in addition to the beautiful silver cup, a handsomely engraved shield commemorating their victories at the state tournament at Salem a few weeks ago. The shield is now being engraved at Chicago and Captain Ted Jewett has received word from the athletic manager at the Willamette university that it will arrive in Roseburg within a few days.

The message had not been received at any point east of the Rocky mountains, evidently having its origin in the fertile brain of a telegraph operator, probably located in California.

## MORE SLOGANS ARE RECEIVED TODAY

"February, brings the snow,  
March the month the winds do blow,  
April, brings the springtime merry,  
May is graced by the strawberry."  
—W. R. II.

"May time is Strawberry Time."  
—J. L.

"You may talk about the Strawberry  
And talk about the rose  
But say, let's talk about the climate,  
"Gee Whiz, Who Knows?" P. P.

"The Douglas County Strawberry,  
The Umpqua Valley rose,  
Are the very finest products,  
That any county grows."  
—J. M.

The above carnival slogans received this office this morning and many others were suggested throughout the entire day, but their authors were requested to place them on paper and submit them to The News office. Within the next few days it is thought that many will be received and everyone is requested to place their ideas on paper and either mail or hand them in person to The News office. Everyone in the county who has interests in this year's carnival at heart should help in this campaign for a clever strawberry carnival slogan.

## LOCAL INVENTOR WILL MARKET LIGHT

G. G. Stewart, a well known local resident who resides on the Laurelcrest ranch north of this city, today received word from the Guild Motor Lamp Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, his invention that he perfected several months ago, was practically a success. This invention is called the "Back-a-Lite" and is an attachment for autos that enables the motorist to back his car at night with enough light from this lamp to assure him of being safe. It is attached to the reverse of the car and when this is applied it automatically lights the lamp. It is very practical and when Mr. Stewart submitted it to the eastern firm, they were much interested in it and started immediate operations to place it on the market. The letter received today says that the company is at present preparing an appropriate trademark and are contemplating an extensive advertising campaign throughout the United States. They also state that the April issue of the "Fordowner" will carry a full page ad, as well as considerable reading matter about the quality of the lamp.

Mr. Stewart is highly elated over the success of his invention and will no doubt see it placed on the market to a ready sale.

## FORMER OAKLAND GIRL PASSES AWAY

W. E. Smith, an employe of the Economy meat market, this morning received word that his sister, Mrs. Ella Dunham, died at her home near Seattle Monday and that her body would arrive in Oakland this afternoon for burial. Mrs. Dunham was formerly a resident of Oakland and in addition to her brother, Mr. Smith, is survived by two sisters, one residing in Idaho and the other in Washington. Her husband also survives. She was a niece of Ora Walker, of this city, who left on the early morning train for Oakland where he will make the funeral arrangements. Mr. Smith departed on the afternoon train accompanied by the members of his family and will there meet the body and the husband of the deceased. The funeral services will be held tomorrow.

## ROBERT BURNS NOT YET LOCATED

### Searching Parties Scour Country Between Roseburg and Sutherlin.

## LAST SEEN AT WILBUR

### J. C. Kaegi, of Wilbur States Man Answering Description Asked Information in Regard to Reaching Sutherlin.

Although searching parties have been scouring the hills throughout the entire county, no trace has as yet been found of Robert Burns, the West Roseburg farmer, who disappeared from his home Monday morning.

The first clue to be received was obtained by the officers last night after the fact that Burns was last had become known through the information contained in the evening edition of the paper. The only person who saw Mr. Burns in the city was George Ritter, the Oak street real estate man who saw him walking along Jackson street with his head bent over and evidently oblivious of his surroundings. It was his usual habit to walk perfectly erect and to greet his friends by a wave of his hand and his failure to do this caused Mr. Ritter to comment on the fact. Later Monday evening F. M. Martin, the contractor who at one time was engaged in constructing a residence for Mr. Burns, saw him walking on the spur track in North Roseburg.

H. E. Burchfield, of Winchester, also reported a man answering the description of Mr. Burns as having stopped on the Winchester bridge for a short time.

The most accurate information comes from J. C. Kaegi, of Wilbur, who telephoned to the officers that a man tallying exactly to the description of the missing man had passed through Wilbur walking along the railroad track and had asked if he could reach Sutherlin in time to take train No. 14, northbound. He was told that he had about time enough to make the distance and started off hurriedly.

Searching parties have been sent out from Sutherlin and also from Oakland and are scouring the country in that community, as it has been ascertained that he purchased a railroad ticket at Sutherlin, the agent at that place saying that he was personally acquainted with every person boarding the train at that place.

Russell Harness headed a party of about twenty men who left the city shortly after noon and who started in at Edenbower searching the vicinity along the track northward from that community. Deputy Sheriff Lafferty in the absence of Sheriff Quine, who was called to Myrtle Creek, has taken charge of the situation and is making every effort to locate the prominent resident.

Mrs. Burns, who is almost prostrated by the shock, stated that the rumor that her husband's brother had disappeared in the same manner was untrue. The brother of the west side resident left Seattle several years ago and went to a quicksilver mine in California. For over a year a correspondence was kept up between the two and it ceased suddenly. Mr. Burns went to the mine which was in the vicinity of Los Angeles and there established beyond a doubt the fact that his brother had died while engaged in his labor.

Mrs. Burns is of the firm opinion that her husband has become mentally deranged and has wandered away. She states that she has not been feeling well for some time and that he has been subject to sudden dizzy spells and is afflicted with a weak heart and high blood pressure. She also says that for several days he has complained of a severe pain in the back of the head and it is her belief that this has caused his mind to become affected and that this is responsible for his actions. He has had no financial troubles or has expressed no desire of leaving Roseburg. He has no relatives living and according to neighbors has always seemed fond of his wife and no family difficulties have ever been noted.

Deputy Sheriff Hafferty telephoned The News office from Oakland this afternoon that he had visited Wilbur, Sutherlin and Oakland and could uncover no definite clue other than that given by Mr. Kaegi. Sheriff Quine returned this afternoon and sent telegrams and telephone messages to every part of the county, allowing Mr. Hafferty to take charge of the parties in the field.

The afternoon train accompanied by the members of his family and will there meet the body and the husband of the deceased. The funeral services will be held tomorrow.

## HALF HOLIDAY DECLARED.

Mayor Rice working in cooperation with the county court and merchants' association, this afternoon issued a proclamation setting aside the afternoon of Wednesday, March 28, as a half holiday in order that the people of the city may take part in the road meeting which is to be held at that time. Mayor Rice stated that the question of good roads is paramount to all residents of Roseburg and urged that the people of the city show their interest in public affairs by their attendance at the meeting. It is also urged that each district of the county send a delegation to represent the residents of that section.

## SPRING IS REALLY A REALITY TODAY

In the words of Walt Mason, the Kansas poet, "spring has come". So far as the calendar is concerned spring really begins today, despite the rain and all else that makes one think of winter.

The vernal equinox occurs today and the vernal equinox always marks the beginning of spring. Today the sun passes over the equator from the south to north, where it will remain until about September 21, when it will go south again.

## CONGRESS TO MEET APRIL THE SECOND

### President Will Ask Agressive Steps be Taken Against Germany.

## FIVE AMERICAN VICTIMS

### Death Toll in Torpedoing of Vigilantia Totals Five—German Revolution Reports Are Unfounded.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Deciding to meet Germany's high general demands with sweeping action, President Wilson has called congress to convene Monday, April 2. War with Germany seems to be just ahead, and congress will be asked to consider aggressive steps toward Germany. With a state of war admittedly existing at the present time as a direct result of German submarine attacks upon United States merchant ships, a declaration of war may be the first act of congress after convening. All possibility of averting hostilities has been killed. The president's decision to call congress a week from next Monday is based on the tremendous appeal from all parts of the country for revenge for wanton killing of American citizens and the destruction of shipping. It is recalled here that a year ago the president told his advisers that it was his belief if the United States entered the war actively, the struggle would terminate within a few months at most.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—According to advices received from the United States consul at Plymouth, five American seamen were drowned in the sinking of the steamer Vigilantia, Saturday last.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.—Rumors of a German revolution circulated in the Stock Exchange today, arousing intense excitement. Uninterrupted communication over the railway wires and regular arrival of German papers, indicated the report was unfounded.

## NEW STORE RECEIVES APPROPRIATE NAME

The Riverside Grocery & Produce Co. is the name of the new grocery concern recently established in the Edenbower and Riverside districts. The store is owned by Mr. Andre and is under the management of Fred Reide, a former resident of this city.

They have one of the neatest stores in that section and will no doubt enjoy a liberal patronage. They have arranged for a delivery to all parts of that section and Roseburg, which will be an unusual thing for a store located as this one is.

## GOVERNMENT PLANS TAKE NEW ACTION

### May Take Over and Operate Railroad Lines in Case of War.

## NOTICES ARE SENT OUT

### All Officers and Employes of System Are Notified to Meet a Military Emergency.

That the real reason for the calling off of the great strike of railway trainmen is that the government is making preparations to militarize the railroads by taking over and administering them, is the story that has reached the Eugene Register from a source that is considered to be reliable.

The story as told in this paper is also to the effect that all company officials are to receive military rank, that the Southern Pacific is regarded by the government as a line of supreme strategic importance and that the work of readjustment to meet national emergencies is practically completed and ready to be put into effect at the briefest notice.

Railroad officials and employes who have been made cognizant of this action or contemplated action by the government are free in the statement that this is the true "patriotic reason" which ended the talk of strike.

The story goes on to state that when the new order of things goes into effect the general manager of the Southern Pacific will receive the rank of a high army officer, and the lesser officials a lower rank, and so on down the line, including agents in the large cities.

It is designed to be an excellent organization and in the military service railway employes will find that the wage scale and every other incidental detail will be taken care of by the government, which naturally would render any strike against the existing management futile and absurd.

The story says that the officers in the railway reserve corps will receive the following pay while in active service, which includes training period: Major, \$250 per month; captain, \$200; first lieutenant, \$165.67; second lieutenant, \$141.67.

In time of actual or threatened hostilities the president may order officers of the reserve corps to temporary duty with the regular army, according to the plan, in grades thereof which cannot for the time being be filled by promotion; or as officers in volunteer or other organizations that may be authorized by law, or in such other duty as the president may prescribe; for example, the recruit, rendezvous and supply depots. While on such service the reserve officers, by virtue of their commissions, will exercise commands appropriate to their grade and rank in the organizations to which they may be assigned, and shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of the corresponding grades in the regular army, with such increases of pay as are allowed by law for officers of the regular army, and they may be promoted, in accordance with their rank, to vacancies in volunteer organizations, or temporary vacancies in the regular army thereafter occurring in the organization in which they shall be serving; but they shall not be entitled to retirement or to retired pay, and shall be entitled to pension only for disability incurred in the line of duty and while in active service.

All the officers and employes of the Southern Pacific system have been sent a notice by W. R. Scott, vice-president and general manager, which says:

"Officers and Employes: It is desired to organize the forces of this company to meet any military emergency that may arise, wherein the Pacific coast may be involved, but to realize maximum efficiency in the operation of the property when working under the direction of the United States army, and in any event to secure to ourselves a minimum of disturbance with our normal functions as a common carrier.

"To this end the attention of our officers and employes is invited to the article: 'Officers Reserve Co., U. S. Army. The responsibilities assumed by holder of commissions in the officers' reserve corps are:

"1. They are subject in time of peace to duty in training camps elsewhere for two weeks each year, or

"2. They are subject to order for duty by the president of the United States whenever war is actual or imminent, in a rank not below that held in the reserve corps."

Railroads involved in the possible theatre of war operations will be managed and operated by the engineer corps; railroads outside of the theatre of operations, but involved in the line of communications,

## COMMITTEE IS SUCCESSFUL.

The strawberry carnival committee which has been soliciting funds for the coming festivities today completed the first part of the work with very flattering results. All of those listed as major subscribers have been seen and an amount sufficient to assure the carnival and at the same time reach the expectations of the committee has been promised. The members will now visit other individuals whom they have reason to believe will assist financially and hope to increase the amount to completely cover their estimate of subscriptions.

will be operated by the quartermaster corps.

Engineers especially will be in demand. One of the war pamphlets in circulation on the roads today states:

"Engineers now have offered to them their opportunity to give their services to their country, most effectively, when she will have most need of them, with the assurance they will be given responsibility and rank commensurate with their experience and ability.

"The question may be asked, Why do it at all? The answer is: If there is real trouble there will be enough to go around—which means that every man will have to do his bit."

## FORMER RESIDENT SERIOUSLY ILL

Guy Gordon and Mrs. V. O. Gordon left yesterday for Corvallis where they were called on account of the sickness of Nora Gordon, a well known young lady who resided here for a number of years. She has been very ill with appendicitis for several days and it was thought that she would undergo an operation in Corvallis. She was slightly improved at the time her relatives arrived and it was decided to bring her to her home in this city to receive treatment from local physicians. They will arrive on the evening train with her.

## AWARD CERTIFICATE BEING PREPARED

As a reward to those boys and girls of Oregon who can establish records of having been neither absent nor tardy during the school year, J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, is preparing a beautifully illustrated certificate of award. This certificate will be signed by the teacher, the county school superintendent, and the superintendent of public instruction. Any teacher who wishes to secure these certificates for her pupils may do so by applying to County School Superintendent O. C. Brown.

## EUGENE MAY HAVE SPECIAL CARNIVAL TRAIN

That Eugene may charter a special train to Roseburg May 19, which is Eugene day at the annual strawberry carnival in that city, is the statement in a letter sent to John W. Parker, secretary of the executive committee of the carnival, says the Eugene Register.

In the event the present plans of the Eugene people materialize, it is probable that the Royal Neighbors of America, one of the foremost fraternal organizations of the city, will have a special car attached to the train. The drill corps of this lodge will be one of the important features to be taken by the organization. In order to attract as many Eugene people as possible, the Roseburg fraternal organizations will extend formal invitations to the Lane county lodges to join in making the carnival festivities a grand success.

## GRADING OF HILL IS STARTED TODAY

County Surveyor M. B. Grmond left this morning for Myrtle Creek where he will spend several days aiding the road contractor, S. S. Scheil, who will start work immediately on the grading of the Myrtle Creek hill. Although the weather is very unfavorable to road work, it was thought best to start the grading immediately, so that the work could be completed this summer.

## DELEGATION WILL ATTEND MEETING

### Secretary of Tri-State Road Association Visits in This City.

## WILL WORK FOR BONDS

### George E. Boos Says That Medford As Well as Eugene, Marshfield, and North Bend Will Be Represented.

George E. Boos, secretary of the Tri-State good roads association spent last night and this morning in Roseburg, while on his way home from attending a meeting in Marshfield. Mr. Boos promises that a large delegation from Medford will be present and will take an active part in the road meeting to be held in this city March 28 at which time Commissioners Adams and Benson will be in attendance.

"We will be down here with a large delegation from Medford," Mr. Boos said, in speaking with a News representative this morning. "There will also be a few from Marshfield, a delegation from Eugene and probably North Bend and other points on Coos Bay. The Tri-State association will meet May 16 and 17, at Medford, closing the day before your carnival so that the members can come directly from our gathering to your city. Our president, Mr. J. A. Westerlund, will undoubtedly be among the delegation from Medford for your road meeting on the 28th. Our association is now engaged in a campaign for better roads in the three coast states and especially for the carrying of the \$6,000,000 bond election for the construction of highways in Oregon to be voted on June 4, 1917. We have a membership of 2,800 boosters and will devote our best efforts this year to the betterment of the highways in Oregon."

The tri-state road meeting will be one of the main events of the season and will be attended by a large number of Roseburg people. At that time governors from the Pacific coast states as well as many other well known speakers will be present and take part in the discussions in regard to the state bond issuance. Following the convention one of the interesting features is to be a golf tournament between the Medford and Eugene teams.

The presence of the Medford delegation in this city at the meeting to be here here March 28, will be a valuable feature especially if one of the delegation is to be Mr. Westerlund, who has proven one of the most valuable road workers in the west. Many other cities are also holding these meetings and a great deal of interest is being stirred up in regard to the issuance of bonds for state road work.

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## FORMER PASTOR SUFFERS RELAPSE

H. B. Church this morning received the end word that J. N. McConnell, formerly pastor of the Christian church of this city, has suffered a relapse and is now very low. The message was written by Mrs. McConnell, who stated that he is now under the care of a trained nurse and that his conditions is very serious. He is at the home of his son, Howard McConnell, of Dallas.

Mr. McConnell took sick several months ago and for many weeks his life hung in the balance. He was seemingly on the road to recovery until Monday when he suffered a relapse and is again near death. His many friends in this city are very anxious and are hoping for his ultimate recovery.

## ARE OUT AFTER SECTION GANG

Chief of Police John Collins, of Albany, yesterday telephoned to officers along the line that he had information that several Chinese on a southbound train had turned back at Ashland, declaring they would kill certain Chinese tong men working in a section gang on the Corvallis & Eastern road before going on to California.

The Chinese claimed they were members of a tong and that they had been in Salem for some time. The present whereabouts of the Chinese is not known, but police officers along the Southern Pacific lines are watching for them.