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# THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER  
Tonight and Tuesday Cloudy—  
Highest temp. yesterday 50  
Lowest temp. last night 30

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## DRAFT BOARD GETS FRANKED ENVELOPS

### Local Inquisitorial Body Now Busily Engaged In Preliminary Work.

## 100 MAILED EACH DAY

### Eighteen Days Will Complete Mailing—Registrants Notified Within Four Days of Classification—Appeal if Unsatisfactory.

The franked envelopes in which the questionnaires are to be enclosed and mailed out to the registrants for the draft, and other forms to be used specifically by the local inquisitorial body, were received at the sheriff's office this morning and the work of checking over the long list of men effected by the selective draft laws, preparatory to carrying out instructions to the letter, is now in full progress. Mrs. Johnson, the circuit court reporter is making out type-written mailing lists on the proper forms furnished for this purpose, which will greatly expedite the work of addressing the envelopes.

The questionnaires are to be mailed out to registrants at the rate of one hundred a day beginning December 15, and none will be forwarded before that time. According to Mr. Rafferty, who is assisting with the work, it will require 18 days to complete the mailing of the questionnaires.

Upon receipt of the questionnaire the registrant is allowed seven days to fill out the answers to the many questions asked, which cover a period of ten years of the registrant's past life, as to what occupations he has been engaged in, how long engaged, etc., and many hundreds of other questions, which may require the services of an attorney. This legal assistance, if necessary, has been looked after, too. The registrants can take the questionnaire to most any attorney who will gladly help the applicant to correctly answer all the doubtful questions intelligently as set forth by law. The board in turn is required to notify the registrant within four days after his questionnaire has been received and consequently the mailing of only one hundred questionnaires a day. If all were sent out in one or two days it would almost be impossible to furnish notification of classification in the requisite length of time.

The registrant is allowed five days in which to appeal if his classification, made by the board, is not satisfactory and in extreme cases he may appeal direct to the president. However, the draft board has a right to subpoena any witnesses, and as many as they deem necessary to substantiate or otherwise prove any of the allegations set out in the questionnaire.

## CLAIM SIX THOUSAND BRITISH CAPTURED

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Since last Friday the Germans have captured six thousand British prisoners in the Cambrai region. According to an office report the big number came were also taken from the British troops.

## COURT MEETS DECEMBER 5.

The county court will meet in regular session December 5. Many road matters and the regular court routine of business will be taken up and among other things that will be brought before the body from time to time, is the readjustment of election precinct boundaries which have been petitioned for in cases where the court sees fit to make a change to aid the voters. These ratifications must be dispensed of preceding any general election.

## ROSEBURG CHOSEN NEXT MEETING PLACE

Engene was honored by the election of Roy Veatch, one of her delegates as president of the Older Boys' conference Saturday forenoon. The place of next meeting was selected, Roseburg being chosen.

State Supt. J. A. Churchill spoke Saturday forenoon on "The Challenge to Prepare," and urged the high school boys to give special attention to English and commercial branches in order to prepare themselves for the many vacant positions being made by the young men going to the front.

H. C. Seymour of the Oregon Agricultural college spoke on "The Challenge to Produce," and outlined the work of the Boys' Working Reserve. Following his talk steps were taken to outline an organization for the various counties in western Oregon to the end that every boy between the ages of 16 and 21 might be employed in some productive work during the summer season next year.

The delegates from Roseburg who attended this conference returned to Roseburg this morning. They state that the conference was very interesting throughout and that it was considered one of the best ever held. Those who attended from this city are:

## MRS. HEINLINE IS CHOSEN DIRECTOR

Meeting of officers, ladies' business, followed by dancing and a new fashioned cold water Dutch treat, and the two days' session of the 1917 convention of the Oregon State Music Teachers' Association in the Hotel Portland, came to a happy and successful conclusion last night.

## MEMORIAL EXERCISES HELD YESTERDAY

### Walter Evans, of Portland, Delivers Soul Stirring Memorial Address.

## PATRIOTISM KEYNOTE

### Music Beautifully Rendered—Banquet Last Evening Honoring Mr. Evans, of Portland.

A fitting tribute was paid yesterday to the memory of the departed brothers of the temple of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of this city, when the annual memorial exercises were held, the services occurring at two o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremonies were most impressive. Brother Walter H. Evans, of Portland, delivering the memorial address with patriotism as the appropriate keynote. Mr. Evans' address was one of the most inspiring ever heard in this city, and many beautiful thoughts were expressed from the beginning to the conclusion of the soul-stirring speech. During the speech Mr. Evans read the names of the local brothers who were in the service of their country and offered a prayer that they might some day return safe.

Appropriate music was rendered and included on the splendid program were a number of delightful solos and quartets. The tempo was tastefully adorned in lovely chrysanthemums and greenery in honor of the occasion. Included in the excellent program were the following numbers:

- Opening ceremonies—Officers of the lodge.
- Solo, "When the Roses Bloom"—Mrs. Robert Kidd, Mrs. Fory accompanist.
- Roll call of absent members—Secretaries of the lodge.
- Duo, "Over the Stars There is Rest"—Mrs. Robert Kidd and Miss Alice Black, Mrs. Fory accompanist.
- Ritualistic ceremonies—Officers of the lodge.
- Solo, "The Perfect Day" Albie Black, Mrs. Fory accompanist.
- Solo, "Auld Lang Syne"—Members of the lodge audience requested to join.
- Closing ceremonies—Officers of the lodge.
- Reminiscence—Bro. Barr G. Lee.

## BIG WAR BALLOON BREAKS MOORING

(By Associated Press.)  
WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 3.—Some-where over Kansas, an Oklahoma, probably thousands of feet above the earth a giant war balloon is wandering in an aimless flight driven at a terrific speed by the prevailing wind. Six thousand feet of two-inch steel cable are dragging from the machine, and here and there, as the balloon varies in altitude, the cable teases out telegraph poles and wires, ripping them out of one at a time. The war balloon broke loose from its moorings at Fort Omaha, yesterday. No one was in the basket at the time the balloon got away, and no one has been injured by the dragging cable.

## W. C. HARDING MANAGE RED CROSS DRIVE HERE

The American Red Cross has recently launched a great National Red Cross drive with the aim of raising \$2,000,000 for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the soldiers in the trenches. The campaign is to begin on the 15th of December, lasting one week. The drive will be managed by W. C. Harding, special representative of the Red Cross in this city. Harding is speaking we have to triple the

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## COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT.

The city council meets in regular session tonight at which time permanent meeting dates will be officially ordained. An ordinance passed some time ago set the dates for meetings as the first and third Mondays in each month. Later, by verbal agreement among the council members it was decided to call a meeting four Mondays in each month, and according to the statutes covering this phase of the city government no rules can be changed unless voted on by the council body and tonight this matter of establishing regular meeting dates will be disposed of through the proper channels.

## PRES. WILSON APPOINTS CHAIRMAN LEGAL BOARD

Justice of the Peace I. B. Riddle by an appointment from President Wilson, becomes chairman of the Douglas county legal advisory board and the certificate of this appointment will be forwarded in due course.

According to the letter received by Mr. Riddle from John Williams, acting adjutant general, a copy of the selective service regulations has been mailed together with a communication containing the names of the three local attorneys who have been appointed as members of this advisory board and which also contains suggestions concerning the work to be carried out by the body.

## JULIUS RIDDLE IS STILL AT CAMP MILLS

Judge I. B. Riddle today received a letter from his son, Julius, who enlisted with the "Liberty boys" some time ago and who is now stationed at Camp Mills awaiting orders to move to the "other side." Julius is a member of the 161st ambulance company, 116 sanitary train of the 1st division, and is well pleased with army life. The letter stated that Wall Street business were making all kinds of warrens as to what disposition will be made of the 1st division. But have been said that the troops will be in France soon, and still other rumors have been placed that the boys of this division will remain at Camp Mills for at least six months. Mr. Riddle also stated that the boys know nothing of their destination and their further movements. It is supposed depends on shipping facilities.

## BOLSHEVIKI HOPES GIVE AID RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Russian sympathizers in San Francisco who want the Bolsheviks to give aid to the Russian revolution, are making an effort to secure the Bolsheviks, and also to secure a manifesto asserting that the provisional government in the only legal authority, and urge the people to disobey the Bolsheviks.

## COUNT MINOTTO CASE IS REOPENED BY GOVT.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The case of Count James Minotto, son of the late Count Minotto, a Chicago banker, who is charged with being an alien enemy, has been reopened by the bureau of investigation. It is alleged new evidence has been discovered.

## MOST DESPERATE FIGHTING OF WAR

### Number of Dead in Twelve Hours Exceeds Any Like Period.

## SITUATION UNCHANGED

### Attacks and Counter Attacks Made by Both Sides—American Engineers Caught in Rush—Get Into Fight.

(By Associated Press.)  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD, Dec. 3.—Violent efforts of German forces to retrieve the disasters of the last ten days before Cambrai have brought little tactical success as a general thing. The British, under General Byng, have withstood all attempts to break through their lines, and the Germans were hurled back with great loss at all points in the division in the vicinity of Gonnelleu. At Terrain the Germans were slightly successful, but at a heavy cost in lives sacrificed. British troops have evacuated Mastieres. Here the Germans lost heavily in dead and wounded, the British also taking many hundreds of prisoners. In the important sector west of Cambrai, embracing Bourlon wood, which is the dominating position, the Germans made no impression on British lines. Vacquerie is held by the Germans. Mastieres and Gonnelleu, however, the fighting was of a most desperate character, the dead in twelve hours numbered more than in any similar period since the war began. The British have reached Gormelieu and were fighting in and around the village Sunday.

A detachment of American engineers, who are engaged in operating and building railroads within the British lines southwest of Gonnelleu were caught in the first rush of the German attack, and many of the men sought shelter in the shell holes, from which they were later rescued by British counter attacks. The engineers aided the British in withstanding the enemy attacks. Several of the men were captured by German troops, but later managed to escape and get back to their own lines. British army authorities give the highest praise to the work of the engineers in this engagement, and it is stated that many of the men saved rifles and cartridges from disabled soldiers and fought side by side with the Tommies in withstanding German attacks. Scores of Americans were armed last night and sent forward to patrol the hospital zone. It is said that these experiences surpass anything that United States forces have heretofore encountered in actual fighting at the front.

General Byng is gradually regaining the ground lost last Friday in the heaviest attack the Germans ever delivered against the British, except in the first battle of the Ypres. Last night the British pressed their way eastward to the edge of the Villers-Guislain, wiping out much of the German gain in the sector where the enemy had penetrated the farthest, and also made good their hold on Vacquerie, repelling a series of attacks. High ground positions to the southwest of Bourlon village were also recaptured from the Germans.

## SAYS 1917 BROCCOLI CROP WILL BE GOOD

(By Associated Press.)  
FOSTER BAYNE, who was in the city from his farm today, says that the 1917 crop of broccoli, so far as he has investigated, is going to be an excellent one. Of course, there is a lot less acreage planted than in former years and for this reason the output will not be as large from this county, but the quality will be above the average. Planting was done later than usual but the recent favorable weather has brought the plants out in good shape, with the result that the product to be marketed will be of fine quality.