

B. L. EDDY GETS DOWN TO FACTS

Attorney Discusses the Court House and Jail From a Business Standpoint.

IS ECONOMICAL PLAN

Present Structures Unfit For Habitation—Asks the Taxpayers to Thoroughly Investigate Before Forming Opinion.

Editor News:

I have not, until today, had an opportunity to look into the merits of the proposed remodeling of the court house. Upon consultation with the architect, I believe I have obtained the necessary data for forming an opinion. The facts have not been published in detail, and I feel sure that most people have, like myself, had a very hazy view of the situation.

It is well to remember that the expenditure proposed by the court involves not merely remodeling the court house, but the construction of a new jail, and installing a modern heating plant, and modern plumbing and electric wiring.

Considering first whether any improvement is necessary, the following facts present themselves:

1. The court house as it now stands does not afford sufficient room for the proper handling of public business, especially when court is in session, and many citizens are required to be in the building and make use of its facilities. Lavatories and properly located and equipped jury rooms are among the most apparent needs. In passing, I would say that the last legislature came near passing a law for service of women on juries. Such an act is sure to come soon from the legislature, or directly from the people. No intelligent person who inquires into the conditions can fail to be impressed with the unfitness of the present arrangement as to jury rooms to meet this situation.

2. There is no good reason why we are compelled to be about the court house should run the gauntlet of a string of men in the corridor in order to reach such toilet facilities as are now afforded.

3. Eighteen stoves are now in use in the court house, affording unsatisfactory heating service, with a great waste of fuel, and needlessly and enormously increasing the risk of fire, to say nothing of the cost of replacing these stoves every three or four years.

4. The present roof on the court house is almost gone, and must soon be renewed.

5. The county jail has been condemned at least by Dr. Houck, former county health officer, and perhaps by other competent physicians, as nothing more apt less than a death trap, a damp, foul, insanitary den, not properly heated, and with its walls doubtless reeking with the germs of tuberculosis and other diseases. Citizens who know the condition of this establishment must have blushed with shame when they read recently that two little runaway boys eleven or twelve years old were shut up therein. Douglas county has no moral or legal right to incarcerate any person in such a trap, where he may take into his system the seeds of death. The taxpayer who argues to the contrary, to have a few dirty pennies, ought to join the Huns, and be done with it. Grand juries have repeatedly condemned the jail.

Doubtless much more can be said as to the need of some remedy, but let us pass to the question whether or not the remedy proposed by the county court is economical, practical and in the ultimate interest of the whole people, including the taxpayers.

Many are deceived by the cheap "tin" or "gingerbread" work which was added to the exterior of the court house, to give the appearance of columns or pilars etc. This was a shoddy device and is an evidence to those who appreciate real strength and beauty of architecture. But back of these ornaments there are heavy, substantial brick walls resting on a good foundation. The gingerbread is to be stripped off and the walls and foundation will carry the remodeled building well.

The total estimated expenditure is \$46,714.90. The items being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Heating plumbing and new jail \$15,700. Additional story \$1,200. Electric wiring 2,000. Marble floors and wainscoting, first floor 3,400. Tile floor on 2nd story 3,100. New vaults, now needed 3,300. Balance remodeling present building 8,150. Total \$46,714.90.

It should be borne in mind that

UNANIMOUS FOR WAR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Senate Passes the Resolution Without Dissenting Vote—LaFollette Absent.

HOUSE WILL CONCUR

Expected Similar Resolution Will Be Adopted Today—Two United States Aviators Wounded in Fight with Huns, is Report

(By Associated Press.)

DECLARATION SIGNED. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson, late this afternoon, affixed his signature to the resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

RESCUE WORK AT HALIFAX IMPEDED

Deep Snow Adds to the Distress, But Helps to Stop the Fires.

2000 ESTIMATED DEAD

Many School Children Among Victims of Terrible Explosion—Whole Families Missing—Belgian Relief Ship in Collision.

(By Associated Press.)

HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—Up to noon today there had been no change in the police estimate of 2000 believed to have perished when the munitions of war aboard a French ship in the harbor exploded, following a collision with another vessel as she was leaving the dock. Probably 2000 persons were injured, mostly from cuts from flying glass. The fires started immediately after the explosion are still burning, but a heavy snow storm is materially aiding in getting the flames under control.

Deep snow which fell in the last 24 hours greatly hinders the recovery of bodies and impedes the rescue of injured. Special trains with doctors and nurses arrived from Great Britain, and work of attending to wounded proceeded as fast as possible. Every building in the city was damaged to a greater or less degree. Glass broken in windows, doors shattered, plaster knocked down. All business is suspended, and it will be some time before normal conditions can be restored.

It was definitely learned today that the Belgian relief steamer, the Mont Blanc, but the names of the vessels could not be ascertained during the excitement yesterday.

The exact number of dead still probably never be known, but appalling as it is, whole families are missing, and in the Richmond school several hundred children were killed. Some of the injured have been taken to the American Sugar Refinery, the Military Hospital, and other buildings and hospitals are crowded with those most severely hurt.

It is believed there will be no food shortage, as food has already been sent to relieve the needy. One telephone operator stated that he personally saw the bodies of several United States navy sailors floating in the harbor, and that they had recognized their own uniforms.

A beautiful specimen of the American golden eagle was brought to town this afternoon by Edward Long, living a couple of miles below Cleveland, who shot the bird following a rail on a flock of geese. This great bird was certainly a first class specimen, and was taken from him by a hunter who was passing through the woods and a half foot from tip to tip, the rich red neck color of the feathers at the head and neck indicating his kinship to the Golden Eagle family, the grand old fellow, who may be even in death. Mr. Long says that the bird killed nine turkeys for him.

KILLS GOLDEN EAGLE

A beautiful specimen of the American golden eagle was brought to town this afternoon by Edward Long, living a couple of miles below Cleveland, who shot the bird following a rail on a flock of geese. This great bird was certainly a first class specimen, and was taken from him by a hunter who was passing through the woods and a half foot from tip to tip, the rich red neck color of the feathers at the head and neck indicating his kinship to the Golden Eagle family, the grand old fellow, who may be even in death. Mr. Long says that the bird killed nine turkeys for him.

UNANIMOUS FOR WAR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Senate Passes the Resolution Without Dissenting Vote—LaFollette Absent.

HOUSE WILL CONCUR

Expected Similar Resolution Will Be Adopted Today—Two United States Aviators Wounded in Fight with Huns, is Report

(By Associated Press.)

DECLARATION SIGNED. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson, late this afternoon, affixed his signature to the resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

RESCUE WORK AT HALIFAX IMPEDED

Deep Snow Adds to the Distress, But Helps to Stop the Fires.

2000 ESTIMATED DEAD

Many School Children Among Victims of Terrible Explosion—Whole Families Missing—Belgian Relief Ship in Collision.

(By Associated Press.)

HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—Up to noon today there had been no change in the police estimate of 2000 believed to have perished when the munitions of war aboard a French ship in the harbor exploded, following a collision with another vessel as she was leaving the dock. Probably 2000 persons were injured, mostly from cuts from flying glass. The fires started immediately after the explosion are still burning, but a heavy snow storm is materially aiding in getting the flames under control.

Deep snow which fell in the last 24 hours greatly hinders the recovery of bodies and impedes the rescue of injured. Special trains with doctors and nurses arrived from Great Britain, and work of attending to wounded proceeded as fast as possible. Every building in the city was damaged to a greater or less degree. Glass broken in windows, doors shattered, plaster knocked down. All business is suspended, and it will be some time before normal conditions can be restored.

It was definitely learned today that the Belgian relief steamer, the Mont Blanc, but the names of the vessels could not be ascertained during the excitement yesterday.

The exact number of dead still probably never be known, but appalling as it is, whole families are missing, and in the Richmond school several hundred children were killed. Some of the injured have been taken to the American Sugar Refinery, the Military Hospital, and other buildings and hospitals are crowded with those most severely hurt.

It is believed there will be no food shortage, as food has already been sent to relieve the needy. One telephone operator stated that he personally saw the bodies of several United States navy sailors floating in the harbor, and that they had recognized their own uniforms.

A beautiful specimen of the American golden eagle was brought to town this afternoon by Edward Long, living a couple of miles below Cleveland, who shot the bird following a rail on a flock of geese. This great bird was certainly a first class specimen, and was taken from him by a hunter who was passing through the woods and a half foot from tip to tip, the rich red neck color of the feathers at the head and neck indicating his kinship to the Golden Eagle family, the grand old fellow, who may be even in death. Mr. Long says that the bird killed nine turkeys for him.

KILLS GOLDEN EAGLE

A beautiful specimen of the American golden eagle was brought to town this afternoon by Edward Long, living a couple of miles below Cleveland, who shot the bird following a rail on a flock of geese. This great bird was certainly a first class specimen, and was taken from him by a hunter who was passing through the woods and a half foot from tip to tip, the rich red neck color of the feathers at the head and neck indicating his kinship to the Golden Eagle family, the grand old fellow, who may be even in death. Mr. Long says that the bird killed nine turkeys for him.

BRITISH DRIVE IS LOSING GROUND WON

Toutons Force Enemies to Abandon Exposed Positions at Cambrai.

AGREE TO ARMISTICE

Roumanians Join Russians in Armistice on Front—Hostilities Ceased Today—Germans Take More Italians.

(By Associated Press.)

ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD. BERLIN, Dec. 7.—German wedges driven into the salient before Cambrai compelled the British to evacuate exposed positions and in doing so gave up to the Toutons several villages west of Cambrai and fourth line. This retreat shortened the British line, making it more vulnerable to defense. British machine gun troops have occupied Marbais, four miles south-west of Cambrai. Violent fighting in Italy continues, and the Italian troops have gradually retired to prepared positions.

ROSEBURG NATIONAL INSTALLS NEW SYSTEM

The Roseburg National Bank was this afternoon installing a thorough electric bookkeeping and ledger posting system. This device represents the latest and most approved up-to-date minute banking system in the world. A sheet of paper being dropped into the machine, one after another, the keys of a piano would print, adds, subtracts, multiplies and divides, giving on the finished products the amount of your bank statement, and putting the same in the ledger. No mechanical contrivance shows greater ingenuity and cleverness than this complex machine in the ledger posting.

The growing work of this progressive bank demands greater speed and more assistants, and as the main power of our nation is our country's defense, it is imperative to furnish prompt labor and the highest of assistance in all lines of industry. An act with this end in view, the Roseburg National Bank, in cooperation with the Douglas County Bank, W. B. Kennedy of Portland, and the Roseburg National Bank, will be installing a new system of bookkeeping and ledger posting, and will be installing a new system of bookkeeping and ledger posting, and will be installing a new system of bookkeeping and ledger posting.

HONORING CAPT. HAMLIN AND MISS VERA HORNER

Both Miss Vera Horner, who is spending a week in this city, and Capt. E. Hamlin, who recently returned from San Francisco, were here today in connection with the Roseburg National Bank. The bank is installing a new system of bookkeeping and ledger posting, and will be installing a new system of bookkeeping and ledger posting.

FAVORS ELIMINATING GERMAN LANGUAGE

When introduced this morning before the schools of Douglas county, County Superintendent O. C. Brown stated that he strongly favored such a measure expressing himself as being strictly in accord with the movement to eliminate French in our schools, a matter that is being considered and action

RED CROSS DRIVE WILL SOON BEGIN

Many New Members to be Taken in—Douglas County's Quota 75,000.

W. C. HARDING CHAIRMAN

Active Work to Begin This Week—Teams Are Selected, New Members to be Taken in—Cooperation Desired.

(By Associated Press.)

The 1918 one dollar membership drive for the Red Cross will soon begin and gigantic preparations are now being made so that the drive will be a complete success. W. C. Harding has been appointed by State Manager C. C. Chapman of Portland as the campaign manager for this county, and has called for a meeting at the council chambers in the city hall on Monday afternoon at 2:30. All active officers of the auxiliaries in the county and vicinity of Roseburg will be in attendance at this meeting to get the final instructions as given out by headquarters.

THE HONOR GUARD MET LAST EVENING

Knitting, Telegraphy, and Military Drill—Fifty Members Were Present.

WEBB WAS DRILLMASTER

Meetings Hereafter Held on Thursday—Telegraphy Tuesday as Usual—New Years Ball To Be Given.

(By Associated Press.)

The Girls National Honor Guard met last evening at the armory where classes in telegraphy and knitting followed by military drill were led by all the members present. Lieutenant Perry Webb, of the Home Guard drilling the girls in an excellent manner. A large shipment of yarn was purchased yesterday by the Honor Guard and this will be knitted into sweaters and helmets for the soldiers, and it was also decided to furnish every Douglas county boy in the service with a Christmas box from the Honor Guard girls of the county, at which all units of the organization will be asked to assist. A committee will meet on Saturday evening at the armory and complete plans for preparing the boxes.

An interesting letter was read to the girls from Lucile Danforth, state manager of the Honor Guard, in which the Roseburg girls are praised for their inspiring spirit and keen appreciation is expressed at the treatment afforded Miss Danforth while a guest in this city.

Because of Lieutenant Webb's inability to attend drills on the regular night, Tuesday it was decided to hold the meetings on Thursday hereafter, with the telegraphy classes assembling on Tuesday evenings as usual.

There were 50 members of the organization present last evening and it is believed that the entire number report next Thursday or send in a written report. Strict attention must be given in the future and unless the organization is taken seriously and the laws are obeyed explicitly the delightful members will be asked to resign. The girls are working so splendidly together this winter and the results will no doubt be most satisfactory to all concerned.

Plans for the New Years ball will be given out at the next meeting and the date of the party will be announced at that time. It is hoped that the ball will be a most successful one and will be well attended by all citizens. The girls are working hard to make the ball a success and will be installing a new system of bookkeeping and ledger posting.

SEGREANT HADLEY AT CAMP FREMONT

Miss Clara Hadley of this city, recently received a communication from her son, Sergeant Martin Hadley, who is stationed at Camp Fremont, California, in which he states that he will probably remain at Camp Fremont for the next 30 days. A recent order to move having been cancelled. Sergeant Hadley was a member of the Douglas County High School and is a member of the Douglas County High School. He is a member of the Douglas County High School and is a member of the Douglas County High School.

LOCAL SWINE BREEDERS WILL BE ORGANIZED

W. C. McAllister, representing the Douglas County Stock Raisers' association, has called a meeting of the local swine breeders to be held at the Douglas County High School on Friday, December 14, at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to organize a local swine breeders' association, which will further the interests of the breeders of these animals by the improvement of this stock. The formation of this association has already been laid by C. E. Wood and E. F. Stebbins, and it is hoped that a large number of breeders will be present.

When introduced this morning before the schools of Douglas county, County Superintendent O. C. Brown stated that he strongly favored such a measure expressing himself as being strictly in accord with the movement to eliminate French in our schools, a matter that is being considered and action

When introduced this morning before the schools of Douglas county, County Superintendent O. C. Brown stated that he strongly favored such a measure expressing himself as being strictly in accord with the movement to eliminate French in our schools, a matter that is being considered and action

When introduced this morning before the schools of Douglas county, County Superintendent O. C. Brown stated that he strongly favored such a measure expressing himself as being strictly in accord with the movement to eliminate French in our schools, a matter that is being considered and action

ARCHITECT HERE COURT HOUSE PLANS

A Large Drawing in Colors Will Soon Be On Exhibition.

BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE

Many Citizens Who Have Opposed the County Court's Action on Remodeling Have Changed Opinions—Favor Acceptance.

(By Associated Press.)

J. E. Tourtelotte, of Tourtelotte & Hannuel, Portland architects, arrived here this morning with plans and specifications for the proposed county court house improvements and submitted them to the county court for their approval or rejection, and this afternoon the judicial body will go over the drawings officially.

That the majority of our citizens who have opposed the expenditure of \$50,000 to be used in remodeling the court house will have a change of heart when once it is proven to their satisfaction that this money is not to be wasted on an old structure, as represented by abolitionists, was aptly exemplified today when many taxpayers of our county drew in the first time the large drawing in colors, of the court house as it will appear when completed, now on display in the county court room. A well known business man chanced to be present with a number of other citizens who were discussing the proposed changes to be made on the present building, and after hearing the really notable changes that are to take place, and seeing how the building is to look from the exterior, he readily stated that he at first strongly opposed the expenditure of any money to remodel the old building, but now "after having been shown" how very different the facts are from representations that have been circulated, he was ready to approve of the county court's actions, feeling sure that they are sincere in their advocacy and that the \$50,000 could not be used to better advantage.

Other members of the little party quickly voiced their approval, and The News is fully satisfied that when the people know, from their own findings, that the court house is to be a metropolitan structure from every standpoint of argument, and further that we are to get a first class building without a cent of taxation, and that this building can be pointed out with pride, that a county-wide sanction of the remodeling plan will be the result.

As a matter of fact, citizens, we are getting a better and a larger building for \$50,000 than Josephine county, which has just expended \$90,000 for a new structure. The photographs of both buildings are to be exhibited soon and the plans and specifications fully explained and we feel positive that our contention will be substantiated.

The court records are inadequately protected from loss by fire, and should they be destroyed \$50,000 would not be a starter toward replenishing them. Some time ago the court house at Walla Walla, Wash., was destroyed by fire, as were the county records, and \$400,000 had to be expended to replace the loss of these records alone, which had to be written up from abstract company files. The same thing could happen here, and if \$50,000 can insure Douglas county's records from being ravaged by flames, and also give to the community an up-to-date structure, it seems only sound business judgment and good common sense to stand behind the move.

Miss Ruth Lamb, of Dilard is spending the afternoon in this city visiting with friends.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

ARCHITECT HERE COURT HOUSE PLANS

A Large Drawing in Colors Will Soon Be On Exhibition.

BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE

Many Citizens Who Have Opposed the County Court's Action on Remodeling Have Changed Opinions—Favor Acceptance.

(By Associated Press.)

J. E. Tourtelotte, of Tourtelotte & Hannuel, Portland architects, arrived here this morning with plans and specifications for the proposed county court house improvements and submitted them to the county court for their approval or rejection, and this afternoon the judicial body will go over the drawings officially.

That the majority of our citizens who have opposed the expenditure of \$50,000 to be used in remodeling the court house will have a change of heart when once it is proven to their satisfaction that this money is not to be wasted on an old structure, as represented by abolitionists, was aptly exemplified today when many taxpayers of our county drew in the first time the large drawing in colors, of the court house as it will appear when completed, now on display in the county court room. A well known business man chanced to be present with a number of other citizens who were discussing the proposed changes to be made on the present building, and after hearing the really notable changes that are to take place, and seeing how the building is to look from the exterior, he readily stated that he at first strongly opposed the expenditure of any money to remodel the old building, but now "after having been shown" how very different the facts are from representations that have been circulated, he was ready to approve of the county court's actions, feeling sure that they are sincere in their advocacy and that the \$50,000 could not be used to better advantage.

Other members of the little party quickly voiced their approval, and The News is fully satisfied that when the people know, from their own findings, that the court house is to be a metropolitan structure from every standpoint of argument, and further that we are to get a first class building without a cent of taxation, and that this building can be pointed out with pride, that a county-wide sanction of the remodeling plan will be the result.

As a matter of fact, citizens, we are getting a better and a larger building for \$50,000 than Josephine county, which has just expended \$90,000 for a new structure. The photographs of both buildings are to be exhibited soon and the plans and specifications fully explained and we feel positive that our contention will be substantiated.

The court records are inadequately protected from loss by fire, and should they be destroyed \$50,000 would not be a starter toward replenishing them. Some time ago the court house at Walla Walla, Wash., was destroyed by fire, as were the county records, and \$400,000 had to be expended to replace the loss of these records alone, which had to be written up from abstract company files. The same thing could happen here, and if \$50,000 can insure Douglas county's records from being ravaged by flames, and also give to the community an up-to-date structure, it seems only sound business judgment and good common sense to stand behind the move.

Miss Ruth Lamb, of Dilard is spending the afternoon in this city visiting with friends.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.

MISS JONES ARRIVES.

Miss Edna Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., arrived last evening and will spend a couple of weeks in this city visiting with friends. Miss Jones was a former Roseburg girl and has a host of friends here who will be pleased to greet her again.