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THE WEATHER

Tonight and Sunday Rain.
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MONDAY STARTS THE BIG CAMPAIGN

Final Plans Completed For Drive—Will Make House to House Canvass.

SUCCESS IS ASSURED

Service Flags to Be in Every Window Xmas Eve Behind Which is to Be a Light Expressing Universal Aspect of Red Cross.

Monday with the coming of dawn there will be launched throughout the United States the great Red Cross membership drive, the Christmas campaign of that organization for ten million new members and on Christmas eve when the closing hour of the drive arrives it is expected that fifteen million Americans will have added their names to the rolls thereby lending their universal aid in the great fight for justice and right. In Roseburg campaign managers have been busily bending their earnest efforts together to make the drive a whirlwind success and from every indication Douglas county will be on top with a grand total, the committees from the various sections sending in encouraging reports. W. C. Harding, Douglas county's campaign manager, declared today that 2,000 applications from Roseburg and 5,000 from the outlying districts were assured with possibly a much larger total when the final count is made. Red Cross booths are being constructed in various locations about the city including the Umpqua hotel, Fisher's department store, S. P. depot, Perkins building and possibly the city banks, each booth to be in charge of a committee of ladies, who will enroll new members beginning Wednesday morning, and it is also advised that old members renew their subscriptions even though a few months remain on the old one so that as much work as possible may be accomplished. The campaign committees, who will make the house-to-house drive are well organized and intend to make a thorough assault upon every local family starting early Monday morning and according to one live wire organizer "none will escape our clutches; we'll bring them all in." It is urged that the dollar for enrollment be kept in a convenient place during the week so that when the committees arrive prompt co-operation may be had, and undue delay may be avoided.

Every loyal American citizen is working in this campaign to make its success assured and everything is being accomplished by way of beautiful decorative display to inspire all who have not joined the big army of Red Cross workers to add their names to this true blue war relief organization.

With every possible home and business house marked with the Red Cross service emblem during Christmas week an inspiring ceremony is planned by the local managers. At 7:30 o'clock on Christmas eve a light is to be placed in each window behind the service emblem so that on this eve there may be given appropriate expression to the universal aspect of the Red Cross.

Boy Scouts are today selling Red Cross Christmas seals and placing the posters explaining the significance of the great Red Cross campaign in the windows of the business houses. The efforts of every man woman and child in Douglas county are banded together so it seems, and because of the splendid co-operation shown on all sides only gladness reigns in the hearts of those who are working to make this tremendous drive a grand success.

Douglas county must live up to its sterling and unexcelled reputation and do its part in the Red Cross cause as they have reached the highest goal in every other worth while fight for the sake of humanity.

David Crosby, the well known hotel man of Riddle, is in the city today looking after business matters. Mr. Crosby will return to Riddle this evening.

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JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW!
Open your purse strings.

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It's only a Dollar a Throw.

BODY ORGANIZED TO BURY OUR SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—A branch of the army, to be known as "Graves Registration Service," has been organized here and whose sole duty it will be to arrange for the proper burial of all American soldiers who are killed in battle. The association will also see that each soldier's grave is given proper care. The members forming this branch of the army are a division of the office of the chief quartermaster.

SOLDIERS SACRIFICED TO GAIN GROUND

(By Associated Press.)
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 15.—Heavy fighting is going on today on the mountain front east of Brenta, and if the enemy is successful in its advances would have two lines of approach to Brenta valley, an open plain. In the past three days, according to General Diaz, the enemy secured only an insignificant stretch of ground and that at an immense sacrifice of soldiers.

BURSTING SHELL HITS TWO ENGINEERS

(By Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—A bursting shell wounded two American railway engineers working behind the British front, according to reports received today. The projectile struck in a pile of picks, shovels and other tools, scattering them broadcast with the above result.

KAISER WILL MAKE FINAL PEACE OFFER

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Emperor William, in his Christmas message, proposes to make a final peace offer to the enemies "on whom, in case of rejection, will fall the responsibility for the blood shed during the year 1918," according to unofficial information received today from a Berlin telegram.

AMERICAN REPORTED ARRESTED IN SIBERIA

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American railway commission of Russia, is reported arrested at Tehta, Siberia, in company with M. Gustrougoff, former assistant minister of railways.

GEN. CROWDER PREDICTS SYSTEM SUCCESS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—General Crowder predicts a perfect success of the classification system, stating that all classifications will be complete within the next 60 days.

The wedding of Miss Helen Jane Hamilton and Arthur Clarke, of Corvallis, will take place this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton on Lane street. A large reception will be given immediately following the ceremony.

THE COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Detailed Description of Proposed Work to be Carried Out on Structure.

SHOWS NO PATCHWORK COVER ENTIRE STATE

When Complete Will Be Modern In Every Particular and a Credit to Any Wide-Awake Community—A Big Saving.

Can it be that our old friend, the redoubtable "Deacon" Smith is to be at the head of Oregon's future Liberty loan drives? A report to that effect filtered into town yesterday and inquiry was sent to Portland that we might prepare our readers for an explosion rivaling that at Halifax last week, but a non-committal reply was received, saying that the chairman of the clearing house committee stated no official appointment had been made and that he could give out nothing for publication. This morning, however, positive confirmation of the rumor comes from another and reliable source and it seems a fact that the "Deacon" will be at the helm next time, and possibly permanently. "Deacon" Smith is some leader, having led both sides of every movement in Roseburg, Douglas county, and the state at large to which he had access. He is ubiquitous. The Liberty bond matter having but one side it may be he will be able to render double service because of concentrating his unquestioned energies, but we are wondering why, when he is certainly chosen, there should be any hesitation on the part of the clearing house chairman whoever he is, to admit the fact. That he has already received the appointment there is hardly any question, according to reliable information given out in this city today.

The present court house never has been completed. The mechanical equipment which is a part of every modern building such as our new postoffice, high school and our business buildings were never installed in the present court house. This mechanical equipment consists of heating, plumbing and sanitary necessities, electric wiring and ventilating system.

The addition of the third story is required to relieve the congestion in the present building, and can be added probably at one half the expense in that manner to any other way.

A new, sanitary and safe jail building is a necessity, as every citizen of Douglas county will agree if he has been through the present jail. By constructing this in a location joining the present clerk's vault you will save one wall; do not obstruct the light from the present building and can use the basement under as a heater room for the court house proper.

This arrangement of placing a heater in a fireproof unit reduces the fire risk for the court house to a minimum. It saves cost of upkeep in fuel and attendance, as the large body of hot water in the boiler under jail will retain the heat for hours after fire is extinct, thus keeping jail warm when other portions of the building are not occupied.

It is proposed to install marble or (Continued on page 2.)

R. E. SMITH MAY HEAD LIBERTY DRIVE

Rumored He Will Have Charge Of Future Loans to The Government.

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ALLEGED SLACKER RELEASED

James Sells, who was arrested late yesterday afternoon charged with having evaded the draft laws and lodged in the county jail, was released from further detention today, owing to the lack of evidence to insure a conviction.

Mrs. Bert Fritch has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Roseburg Steam Laundry, taking up her duties this morning.



PRESENT COUNTY COURT HOUSE

DOUGLAS SOLDIER DIES MARE ISLAND

Zep Pickett, a Coles Valley Youth, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

ENLISTED OCTOBER 15 AND WAS RAPIDLY ADVANCING TOWARD PROMOTION FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT COMPLETED TODAY

A telegram announcing the sad death of their son, Zep Pickett, a member of the marine corps, stationed at Mare Island, Calif., was received by Mr. and Mrs. Jule Pickett, of Newberg, Ore., for many years Coles Valley residents. The grief stricken parents arrived in this city today and the military authorities were notified by wire to send the remains of the deceased to Roseburg, where interment will follow in the Coles valley cemetery beside the grave of his brother, in accordance with the wish of the deceased. The young patriot, who was 27 years of age, enlisted October 15, to serve his country, and soon after departed for Mare Island, and has been stationed there ever since, and according to letters received by his parents from time to time, was rapidly advancing toward promotion. Pneumonia, an arch enemy to health and vigor, laid a heavy hand upon the young soldier of the sea, who made a gallant struggle to stave off its deadly onslaughts. But to no avail. The odds were uneven. His life was sacrificed to the cause of his country. His name goes down in the pages of history as a hero, the second Douglas county boy we honor. William Vinson, who acted as draft officer in the Coles valley district, tells of a peculiar incident prior to Mr. Pickett's enlistment, and of his superstitions of the number 13. The young man called at draft headquarters to register and was informed by Mr. Vinson that he would be number 13. "One has to take enough chances at the best, and I'll wait," was the reply. When he returned that evening the registration blanks were exhausted and Mr. Vinson wanted to draw up a form to enable the young man to fulfill the government's wishes. "No," said Mr. Pickett, "I want to sign up right. I'll drive your car and we will go to Millwood and there get the required blanks." The trip was made and the young patriot was registered. The fact that his brother, who succumbed some time ago died of the 13th of the month seemed to dwell on his mind and he had often talked on this subject, and of how superstitious he had become. Mr. Pickett had taken out life insurance in favor of his mother for \$5,500, and recently wrote her saying: "If I don't come back, mother, the \$5,500 will." This plainly exemplifies the love the young man had for his parent. Besides the sorrowing parents, the deceased is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Pickett, of Newberg, who is expected to arrive here tonight or tomorrow. No funeral arrangements have been made today as it is not known just when the body will arrive.

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JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW!
Do your bit—Do your best.

ARMY AUTOMOBILE OVER EMBANKMENT

(By Associated Press.)
ITALIAN HOLDING QUARTERS, Dec. 15.—An army automobile in which Congressman George H. Tinkham was riding on his way to visit Monte Grappa, at the northern front, skidded over the mountain side, dropping a distance of 20 feet. The machine was crushed to pieces, but Tinkham, who fired the first shot against Austria, escaped with slight injuries. The chauffeur, however, was seriously injured.

WAY MADE CLEAR THOUSANDS OF MEN

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary of War Baker came to the relief of thousands of men who have volunteered for the regular army but had been rejected because of the breakdown of the recruiting machinery, by ordering all qualified applicants who presented themselves before noon today should be accepted, even though not examined until later. Thousands of men had been turned away.

BRITISH ARE STILL MAKING ADVANCES

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The British have been successful in regaining a part of the ground won by the Germans yesterday on the Ypres front. They have also made another advance in Palestine, northeast of Jerusalem.

GERMANY GETTING SUPPLIES OF RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to an official German statement. Germany is already getting furs and other supplies from Russia.

LIBERTY BOND THIEF MAKES BIG HAUL

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Nineteen thousand dollars worth of liberty bonds, in an express package, which was mysteriously stolen from the Northwestern National Bank here, was located today when Alfred Rix presented the interest coupons to the bank for conversion into cash. The bonds have not been recovered but it is expected they will be in the hands of the bankers soon. A warrant was issued late this afternoon for the arrest of Clyde A. Rupert, the Northwestern National Bank's special officer and watchman, charging him with stealing the liberty bonds which are believed to be worth \$19,500. When questioned by the bank officers Rupert, who was armed, escaped from the bank and is still at large. Alfred Rix, who purchased the bonds from Rupert, gave the information to the bank when he tried to cash the coupons. Clyde Rupert was formerly foot ball captain of the Multnomah club.

QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED OUT TODAY

Only 82 Registrants Will Receive Inquisitorial Booklet This Mail.

TRADES ARE IMPORTANT

No Questionnaires Sent Forward Tomorrow—Monday Numbers From 82 to 145 Will Be Mailed to Registrants.

Deputy Sheriff Rafferty early today mailed the first 82 of the 1635 questionnaires that are to go forward to the registrants who come under the jurisdiction of the Douglas county draft board. All laws and regulations have been complied with and a careful guard against mistakes has been kept at all times. No questionnaires will be mailed tomorrow as the inquisitorial booklets are not sent out on Sundays or holidays. Monday questionnaires from No. 82 to 165 will be forwarded and so on at the rate of 82 each working day until the work has been completed. Recipients of the questionnaire are required by law to execute and return them within seven days from date received. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive one of valuable rights and result in their immediate induction into military service and trial by court martial.

Take your questionnaire to the board of legal advisors, to be found in rooms 211 and 212 at the Perkins building to insure correctness, before returning the booklet to the exemption board. You will be notified within four days after your questionnaire has been received at draft headquarters of your classification and if you fall in class number one, you will be summoned before the exemption board for examination as to your fitness for service.

The following information regarding the draft was received by Judge I. B. Riddle, chairman of the legal advisory board from acting Adjutant General Williams: Portland, Ore., Dec. 14, 1917. I. B. Riddle, Roseburg, Ore.

The following telegram from the Provost Marshal General is repeated herewith for your information: "It is of paramount importance to the selective feature of the draft and to the effective employment of the manpower of the army that the occupational qualifications of every registrant be set forth with precision in his questionnaire. Therefore the registrant's answers to series one question three, page four, must without fail specify his particular job within his industry, by answering, for example, not merely railroad man but track layer or train man or car shop repairer. Assistants should be instructed to secure for that question an answer as specific as is made in series eleven, page twelve, unless registrant has already fully answered these questions. If questionnaires filed are not specific enough, boards should secure adequate answers under section one hundred, paragraph three before proceeding to classify." It is of the utmost importance that the instructions contained in the foregoing telegram be communicated to all associate members of your board.

WILLIAMS, Acting Adjutant Gen'l.

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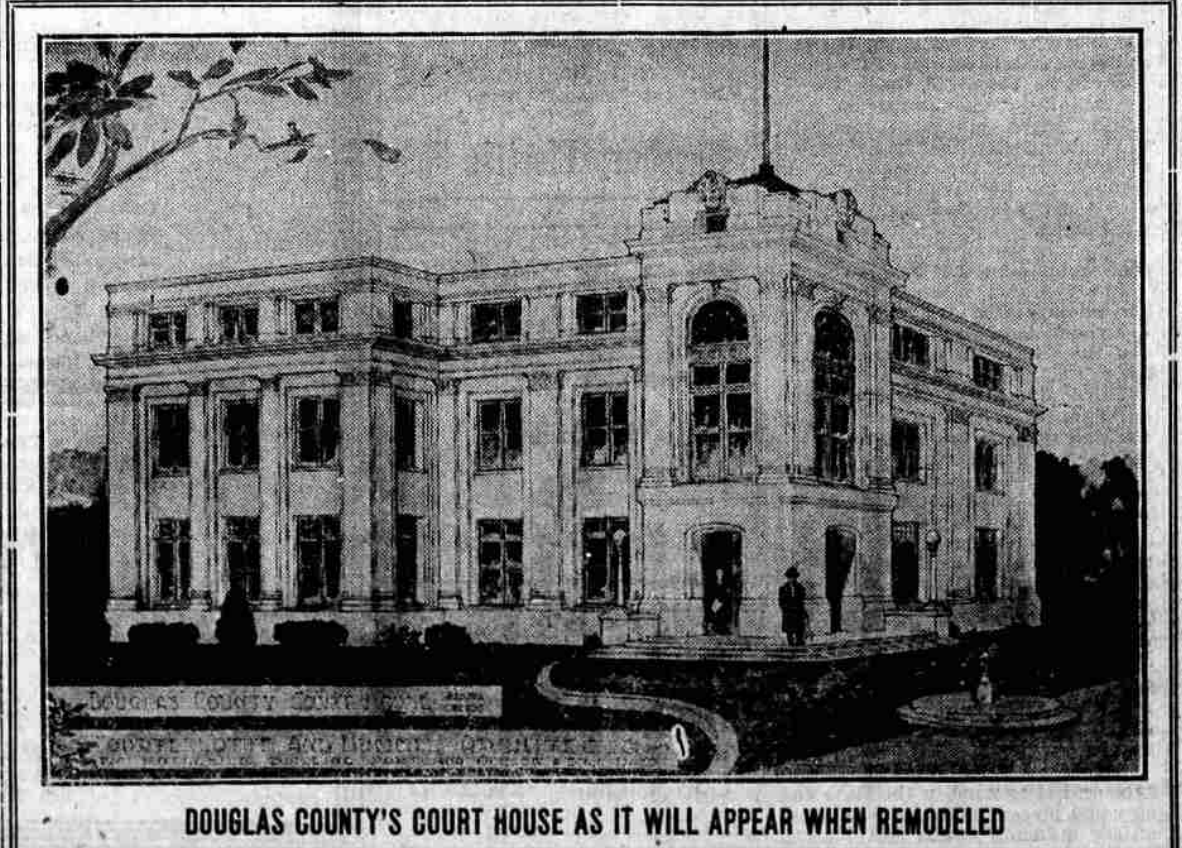
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