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COUNTY COURT ORDERS \$50,000 INVESTED LIBERTY BONDS

HAS NO PARALLEL IN HISTORY NATION

Discussion as to Advisability of Rebuilding Court House Ends Patriotically.

MONEY NOW ON HAND

So Far as is Known This Remarkable Procedure Stands Out in a Class By Itself—Factions United.

At a session of the county court late this afternoon an order was made and duly entered authorizing continuance in the budget of that item of \$50,000 for rebuilding the court house. The court, in harmony with the prevailing sentiment, as expressed in the meeting of taxpayers yesterday, believes it inadvisable to spend the amount, for the purposes of remodeling the court house or in building a new jail and putting in a heating plant at this time. However, since it is well known that this improvement must be made at no far distant time, and owing to the fact that the money needed for such a building is now on hand, and foreseeing that unless some proper action was taken to safeguard such funds from being spent for other improvements, the court took the ground that to invest this amount of cash in United States liberty bonds would doubtless meet the approval of loyal citizens in the county, and when the proper time comes this fund, with accrued interest, would be available for the uses intended. In accordance with this finding the county court at 3:15 this afternoon issued the following remarkable, unique, and highly patriotic order:

In the matter of the item of \$50,000 in the construction of jail and repairs of court house in the budget for 1918.

This matter coming on now for consideration by the court, upon request of the taxpayers of Douglas county, Oregon, for the elimination of said item from the 1918 budget; It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that at a public hearing held by this court it seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the taxpayers, and as made to appear by the petitions filed with this court, that it is not of immediate necessity to construct a county jail and repair the present county court house, owing to the increase in the cost of material and the necessity for labor to be used in the production of food and other agricultural pursuits, and

It further appearing to the satisfaction of the court, and as made to appear by the sentiment expressed at said taxpayers' hearing, that it is expedient to set aside this item of \$50,000 as a county court house fund, to be used at such time as it may be expedient to reconstruct the court house and jail, when materials are cheaper and a greater necessity appears therefor.

It is, therefore, ordered that said item of \$50,000 be retained in the budget as a fund for the reconstruction of the county court house, that same be set aside by the county treasurer of this county for that purpose, and.

It is hereby further ordered that said treasurer be, and he is hereby instructed to invest the said sum in the first liberty bond loan by subscribing the amount thereof to said loan, and obtaining liberty bonds therefor, and to retain the same until such time as may be ordered by the court, and.

It is further ordered that any interest received and paid on account of said loan, same shall be paid into and become a part of said fund, and reinvested by the said county treasurer.

Timber to be Crused.
Other items in the budget which received consideration today included the matter of \$10,000 for a cruise of timber lands, in order that correct values on such properties might be fixed. This proposed appropriation was bitterly fought at the meeting yesterday, but the court's decision to retain the item is based on the fact of wide discrepancy in the present assessments of timber lands.

The court has been endeavoring to get the levy within 12 mills, but at the time of going to press this question was yet unsettled.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WIN GAME.

The first basket ball game of the season was played last night in the high school gymnasium between the splendid high school organization and the all-star team of the Roseburg Athletic club, resulting in

a score of 32 to 23 in favor of the high school boys. In the girls' preliminary game between the sophomores and a team picked from the entire high school the sophomore girls won with a score of 4 to 2. Both games were exceedingly fast the playing was excellent and the rooters were tremendously enthusiastic throughout the entire game. The high school team will leave shortly on a trip through the state where they will again try for the championship and from every indication they will again walk off with the laurels. A pleasurable hop was given at the conclusion of the game at the Elks hall sponsored by the losing team, the Athletic boys. All present at the enjoyable affair pronounced it to be most delightful.

HOME GUARD DRILLS TONIGHT.

This evening the home guards will assemble at the armory for their drill work. The rifles are now on hand and have been cleaned, but there still remains some grease on the guns and each member has been requested to "get on the job" a little early this evening with a rag to do away with any superfluous oil on the rifle that may cause injury to your clothing. In all probability the rifles will be used in this evening's drill.

EVERYBODY BOOSTS FOR RED CROSS

Membership Steadily Climbs to Full Quota—Canvass Streets Today.

BABIES JOIN BANNER

Business Houses of City Without Exception Are 100 Per Cent Red Cross—Reports From Country Districts Encouraging.

Roseburg's Red Cross membership drive is progressing by leaps and bounds and according to the campaign manager by Christmas eve the quota will easily be reached, not only in the city, but throughout the county. The reports received from the outlying districts today are tremendously encouraging and many of the towns are reporting 100 per cent records. Committees are canvassing the city streets and residence districts and will keep on steadily plugging for new members until the very moment of closing.

After a thorough canvass of the business houses it is thought that every establishment in the city will probably report 100 per cent Red Cross and the honor roll will be published as soon as it is compiled by the officials. Every conceivable feature that is an inspiration for joining is being used by the local managers and the four minute talks at the theatres are proving intensely interesting. Last evening Rev. Warrington spoke at the Antlers and J. E. McClintock, at the Majestic and their stirring speeches were well received. The Red Cross committees report three young subscribers to the order today including Enylis Anne Heller, a five-month-old member; Beatrice Boye, six-month-old, who joined today, and Master Bobbie Bobbs, a one-year-old patriot, who invested five dollars from his little bank in the Red Cross.

One of Roseburg's soldier boys writes the following communication to his mother, which should do much towards stirring the loyalty of those who have as yet refrained from joining the Red Cross:

"I'll tell you it is going to be a mighty unhappy Christmas for us all, and I pray that we will not have to be separated another Christmas. Just think this will be the first Christmas that we have not all been together, and it will seem as if Christmas had'n't come this year."

Thousands of other soldier boys are suffering the same heart hunger for the loved ones at home, that this boy expressed in his letter, and over in France, they are not only homesick but many of them are suffering from wounds and diseases, and all the suggestions they have of home is either the Army Y. M. C. A. or the American Red Cross society; yet right here in this city of Roseburg we have big double listed men, much more able from a physical standpoint to face the hardships of army life, than these young patriotic boys (many of them not yet of age) who are not only exempt from service, but who absolutely refuse to support these organizations. They call themselves American citizens, but they are not.

TANGLE IN RUSSIA GROWING DENSER

Opposition to Bolshevik Increases as Public Discerns German Hand.

MUST WHIP GERMANY

British Premier Again States No League of Nations With Russian Autocracy—Germany Rejects Russia's Peace Proposal.

(By Associated Press.)
ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD
Dec. 21.—Opposition to Bolshevik domination of affairs in Russia is apparently increasing, as reports of German support of the Maximalist government becomes more pronounced and the situation grows more chaotic.

Lloyd George declares again that the allies must defeat militarism, and that the proposed league of nations, including Prussian autocracy, would be a farce. The Teutons must restore all occupied territory and repay losses inflicted upon Belgium and Serbia, as well as provinces of France, before peace can be made.

Italian troops are making strong counter attacks to regain Monte Asolone, where the enemy threatens to break through and sweep southward.

Alleges Secret Treaty.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—A newspaper here publishes the text of an alleged secret treaty between Japan and Russia, which it is claimed was signed last year, providing joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. It is supposed here that the action was aimed at England and the United States.

Italians Retake Ground.
ROME, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by the austro-Germans on Tuesday in the region of Monte Asolone, east of Brentariver, has been retaken by the Italians, who have held the positions despite violent artillery fire, which the Germans hoped to dislodge them.

Russian Peace Rejected.
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Unofficial reports have reached London to the effect that Germany has rejected the peace proposals of the Russian Bolsheviks, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Swifts Fight Shy of Probe.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Swift & Company, of Chicago, have point blank refused to deliver to the federal trade commission the records desired in an investigation of the packing industry. Attorney Henry, for the government, announced today that drastic action would be taken to force the most packing concern to produce their records for official inspection. Flat admission that J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince, of Boston, own the Chicago stock yards company and terminal railroads, was made by W. M. Wadden, former treasurer of the stock yards company. The stock in the concern, however, appears in different names.

BEARD FUNERAL SUNDAY.
The funeral of Mrs. J. J. Beard, who passed away yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Fisher, of North Roseburg, will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Undertaking Parlors under the direction of the Christian Science church, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS INSTALLATION

The Roseburg Chapter No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star, held their annual installation last evening in the Masonic temple. Miss Margaret Page installed the officers, among whom were Mrs. Madge Buchanan, worthy matron; W. A. Sprague, worthy patron; Mrs. Carrie Bell, associate matron; Mrs. Leona Abraham, conductress; Mrs. Myrtle Reissner, associate conductress; Miss Rita Cobb, treasurer; Free Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Phillips, chaplain; Mrs. Margaret Hughes, marshal; Mrs. Nell McElhinny, Ada; Mrs. Adella Fisher, Ruth; Miss Nellie Ford, Esther; Miss Allie Black, Martha; Mrs. Mary Hinkle, Electra; Mrs. Elizabeth Runyan, Warda; Lyman Spencer, sentinel. At the close of the impressive ceremonies Miss Margaret Page was pre-

UMATILLA LEADS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(Special to The Evening News.)—Umatilla county has completed her Red Cross quota, having secured the 7650 names allotted to that unit of the state. This banner county headed also headed the liberty loan and previous Red Cross drive.

sented with a beautiful past matron pin. Delightful refreshments were later served in the banquet hall which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with mistletoe and holly.

PLANS TO EXTRICATE PESKY RODENTS

The County Court Advances \$1,000 to Finance Purchase Squirrel Poison.

CONSERVE FOOD STUFFS

C. J. Hurd Will Head Movement—Will Greatly Lessen Damage to Grains—Furnished Farmers at Cost.

The county court today authorized the advancing of \$1,000 for the purpose of furnishing digger squirrel poison to farmers throughout the county. This sum is not a loan. The court voluntarily offered this amount to finance the proposition and the money will revert back to the general county fund at the close of the squirrel exterminating campaign. The court will purchase the materials and will in turn dispose of the finished product to the farmers at a low figure and as the county is put to no expense the sum is not included in the budget for the coming year.

The plan is to empower the county agent to appoint a man to manufacture this poison, which will be distributed among the ranchers at cost, or about 20 cents per quart. The price of other poisons used in extermination of the pesky squirrel has advanced to 50 cents or more per quart and at that price it is almost prohibitive.

According to Judge Marsters, the move is one of the best conservation programs yet put in operation and owing to the low cost of the material furnished, it is decidedly an economic one, and will be of great benefit to the farmer in preserving his crops.

Rodents destroyed a large amount of produce last year and in view of the present needs for food commodities, with which to feed our own troops as well as those of our allies, the plan is indeed a patriotic movement and one that the rancher should take every opportunity of. C. J. Hurd, county agriculturist, will have charge of the campaign to rid the county of digger squirrels and in due time will make an appointment of some competent man to handle the manufacture and distribution of the poison. This appointee will make regular trips over the county and besides distributing will lend other assistance in furnishing information as to how the best results can be obtained from the poison.

Agreements to be signed by the farmers promising their hearty cooperation and setting forth the amount of poison they can use in stopping the destruction of grains and other produce by exterminating as far as possible the diggers, will soon be in circulation, and every progressive and patriotic farmer in the county ought to line up behind this movement and thereby do his bit in the conservation of food stuffs so urgently needed in the present struggle for supremacy.

UMATILLA COUNTY AGAINST THE WORLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special to The News.)
• The returns in the Christmas campaign for Red Cross membership shows a very favorable increase. Umatilla county, Oregon, has enrolled 7,650 member from a population of 21,000, and the prospects are good for 2,000 more. The county challenges any other county in the state to show an equal record.

PEEVED CANADIAN URGES SECESSION

Province of Quebec Strongly Opposed to Newly Adopted Conscription.

THREE AVIATORS KILLED

British Aviators in Texas Training; Camp Lose Lives When Machines Collide at a Low Altitude—Hurry in Orders.

(By Associated Press.)
QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—Proposals that the province of Quebec secede from the confederation of Canadian provinces, was made in a motion introduced in the provincial legislative assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, deputy for Lotbiniere, Quebec is the only province which voted against conscription in the recent election. The population is largely French Canadian and enmity against that which the Roman church calls infidel France, had a large influence in deciding against conscription.

Aviators Killed in Texas.
FORT WORTH, Dec. 21.—Three British aviators in training here were killed today when two machines collided in the air at a low altitude. Transportation Problems.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The president will send a special message to congress recommending the enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation. The message will be read immediately after the holidays.

Cut Off Red Tape.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Quartermaster General Henry Sharpe told the senate military committee today that the war department, without waiting for congressional appropriations, authorized orders for supplies covering the requirements of a million troops. This transaction occurred before the United States went into the war, according to the distinguished witness.

DR. L. E. BRISCOE PASSES THROUGH CITY

Dr. L. E. Briscoe, a well known physician of southern Oregon, who practiced medicine here at one time with offices in the First State & Savings Bank building, passed through Roseburg this morning enroute to southern California where he is looking after official business in his capacity of surgeon in the U. S. navy department. Dr. Briscoe recently enlisted in the medical department of the navy and has been stationed at Bremerton for the past several weeks. The doctor, when interviewed by a News representative stated that he hoped soon to be stationed on the U. S. destroyer and would begin active duty. He stated that Dr. Wade of this city would probably reach here in time for Christmas, as he had been granted a furlough. Dr. Briscoe states that his work is tremendously interesting and that he is anxious to be off across the water, where he can get into the real fighting.

MAURY DIGGS SAYS SKIDOO M'NEIL ISLAND

(By Associated Press.)
M'NEIL'S ISLAND, Wash., Dec. 21.—Maury Diggs left the government prison grounds yesterday for California, having been paroled. Drew Caminetti, who was an associate of Diggs in the escapades staged in California, wherein the two men had figured conspicuously in white slave charges, and were convicted, was also released from the government prison recently.

MONEY ACTION SUITS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

R. H. Coshun has filed suit in the circuit court through his attorneys, Rice & Orcutt, against Andrew O. Stjern, et al. The plaintiff seeks to foreclose on a tax lien in the sum of \$40.88, together with penalties and interest thereon for the year 1913.

Jr., Mabel Albright, Max Ruhman, Emil Ruhman, Henry Pearson, William Schuneman, Otto Schuneman, Rose Sauzenbach, Coral M. Pope, R. A. Stool, A. F. Burns, Peter Abberg, F. W. Orchard, Paul R. Mae Michael, J. S. Maloney, Bessie Brandy, Georgia Rice, Sophie Wetland, C. W. Maxwell, G. A. Maxwell, Fred Rohner, P. E. Thompson, E. A. Young, William H. Worth, F. C. Bunter, Gust H. Westman, Clara F. Peterson and F. C. Becker, persons interested therein. The plaintiff seeks to collect the sum of \$30,000, together with penalties and interest, amounting to \$5,430, alleged to be due on a promissory note secured by certain described properties and the further sum of \$1500 attorney fees, Rice & Orcutt appear as counsel for the plaintiff.

WOMEN AGENTS IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The wife of Saran Gada Das, a high caste Hindu, gave testimony here today to the effect that the utilization of women agents throughout the world formed a salient part of the alleged conspiracy to foment the revolution in India.

NOTED EDUCATORS ARE TO LECTURE

State Teachers Meeting Which Convenes at Portland Will Be Largely Attended.

EXPECT 2000 DELEGATES

Oregon Will Receive \$15,000 This Year For Vocational Education—Thrift Campaign Committee Will Make Report.

County School Superintendent O. C. Brown today received the following communication from Superintendent George A. Briscoe, president of the State Teachers' Association, who announces that he has secured for the Portland meeting, December 27-29, two of the most noted lecturers in the educational world. Dr. Richard Burton, head of the English department of the University of Minnesota, will deliver two addresses before the general assembly—one on "The Literature of the Great War," and the other on "The Social and Educational Significance of the Theatre." Dr. Burton is considered one of the most eloquent and scholarly educators in the United States. The second speaker is Professor Frank M. Leavitt, of the University of Chicago. Prof. Leavitt is one of the foremost authorities in the field of industrial education, and largely responsible for the movement which culminated in the Smith-Hughes law. His message will be of particular interest to the teachers of Oregon, as the federal board has just approved the plans of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, chairman of the state vocational board, for carrying out the provisions of the Smith-Hughes law. This means that Oregon will receive \$15,000 this year from the federal government for vocational education.

The first day of the meeting will be taken up by the session of the representative council. There will be approximately one hundred delegates present. Every county in the state and every local teachers' association will be represented. The council will receive reports of the standing committees which have been at work during the past year. One of the most important reports will be from the committee on the thrift campaign, owing to the fact that Secretary McAdoo is asking all of the schools to join him in this work. The council will also adopt resolutions, elect officers and transact all of the business of the association.

Under the reorganized constitution which went into effect one year ago, the State Teachers' Association is coming to be one of the most important conventions held in Oregon. By the speakers from abroad the newest and the best from the educational world are brought to the teachers of Oregon, and through the work of the various departments, by round table discussions and resolutions, policies are adopted for advancing the work of the public schools for the current year. It is expected that not less than two thousand teachers from over the state will attend the Portland meeting. All of the railroads have granted reduced rates on the certificate plan.

ARRANGE EXCHANGE OFFICIAL COURTESIES

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—The Danish, French, British and Belgian consuls have arranged with Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, to exchange courtesies to official couriers.

RAH! RAH! RAH! AH! WE'RE COAL DIGGERS

Drafted Men From Wintery Minnesota go to Sunny Calif. For Training.

607 EAT BREAKFAST HERE

Tin Horn Jazz Band Features Entertainment—The Men Conduct Themselves in a Gentlemanly Manner.

Entraining in the snowy depths of Minnesota last Monday night 607 "Liberty Boys" stepped off of their troop trains in the balmy ozone of old Oregon early this morning and headed by localities, wended their way to the various eating houses and with a rush proceeded to satisfy the cravings of the inner man. The boys, a gentlemanly lot, are enroute to Ft. Winfield Scott, Calif., to go into training for the big effort that lies ahead of us and from the general appearance of our brethren from the east, they will more than do their "bit" when it comes to "getting the kaiser."

Many and many laudatory remarks were heard this morning regarding the "civilized" manner in which the men conducted themselves. Their conduct plainly exemplified proper elementary training that will go a long way in making good fighting men.

"Pep" was not lacking. There was something in every reel. The "tin horn jazz band," headed by two or three big voiced individuals made a decided hit on the station platform. The "coal diggers" quartette, composed of college men, entertained a large and appreciative audience within the passenger station rendering many selections, such to the satisfaction of those of our citizens who were fortunate enough to be present. "Roll dem bones," and a silvery throated tenor, his voice somewhat dampened by the long ride, started—"I'm goin' to buy my new pair of shoes." Chorus: "Come you seven." "How's she going to get 'em if I lose?" Chorus: "Come on you eleven," etc. This little ditty seemed to be their favorite and the singers were applauded to the echo.

On the cars were streaming banners advertising a number of Minnesota towns. One read: Hebring, Minnesota. The richest village in the world; 750 men to the colors. Liberty loans \$1,118,000; Red Cross \$27,000; Knights of Columbus \$15,000. Population 15,000. More electric lights than the city of Cleveland.

According to some of the ardent St. Louis countyians, their county (mentioned with pride) is the richest county in the world, "and we have no reason for denying it's so." One young man offered an explanation for so much wealth in one place, saying that all the rich mining companies' offices were located there.

The two trains comprised men from Cass, Marshall and St. Louis counties and to say the least they were the healthiest looking bunch of "Hun extinguishers" that have yet passed through our city and undoubtedly will give a good account of themselves. Their home land can well be proud of their representatives. Each and every one conducted himself in a most respectful manner. There was no rowdiness, as has been displayed in one or two instances in the past.

These troops were first destined to go to Fort Dodge, Iowa; but owing to severe weather conditions in that section they were transferred to California, a much better climate for conditioning men.

The boys were loud in their praise for the treatment received at the hands of our citizens and enjoyed their breakfast immensely, many remarking that the "eats" were far superior here than in most places that they have dined since leaving home.