

SELECTIVE DRAFT IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court Sweeps Aside All Objections to Act of Congress.

BURIED IN DEEP SNOW

Drifts Stop All Traffic in Chicago—Temperature Registered at 19 Below—Wind Blowing a Sixty Mile Gale.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The selective service has been held constitutional by the United States supreme court. The government's contention that power given by congress to declare war includes power to compel citizens to render military service at home and abroad, was sustained in the decision handed down today. Chief Justice White read the unanimous opinion of the supreme tribunal. It was stated by the chief justice that the court concluded that most of the contentions were imaginary and not real.

Worst Blizzard in History.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Following one of the worst blizzards in the history of Chicago, the city is busy today digging itself out of the mountains of snow banks which envelop everything. The temperature is 19 below zero today and the wind is blowing at from forty to sixty miles an hour. Traffic throughout the entire city is at a standstill, and drifting snow makes it difficult to keep the streets open. Many have been injured in collisions and other accidents due to the heavy snow and extreme cold. Fuel shortage has also added to the suffering in the homes of countless people who have been unable to secure sufficient for their needs.

Two Aviators Killed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Lieut. S. Ely and Sergeant George E. Houdek, the former of Rochester, N. Y., and the latter of Chicago, were killed in an airplane accident in France, according to a report received here from General Pershing.

ARRANGING PLANS FOR WAR SAVING CAMPAIGN

County School Superintendent O. C. Brown, who was appointed chairman of the war saving stamp committee, who are to carry on conservation campaign through the schools of the county, announced this morning that printed matter pertaining to the plans that are soon to be put into execution in the educational institutions, had been mailed to all the school districts, including instructions to the teachers urging that no time be lost in explaining to the pupils the importance of the war saving stamps and the part they are to play in this campaign. Circular letters containing further information and instructions are now being prepared and will go forward in the near future.

According to Mr. Brown, \$1,000,000 is to be raised through the school children of Oregon, by this thrift movement, which is a sound and lucrative investment of funds, owing to the fact that the small savings loaned the government draw 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

SO. DEER CREEK GRANGE ELECTS OFFICERS 1918

At the regular meeting of the South Deer Creek Grange held Saturday evening the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Master, Claude Banning; overseer, Eugene Mathis; lecturer, Albert Karcher; steward, Wm. Bailey; assistant steward, Albert Syfferson; lady assistant steward, Miss Lola Martin; treasurer, Sherman Conine; secretary, Mrs. Wm. Bagley; gatekeeper, Water Desser; chaplain, Matthew Adams; Pomona, Mrs. Wm. Aden; Ceres, Mrs. R. Breedlove; Flora, Miss Cora Melton. An executive committee to take care of Grange affairs when the Grange is not in session and to devise ways and means to better the welfare of the people of the commu-

ity, composed of the following well known men, was also elected: Messrs. Wm. Karcher, Wm. Melton, Sr., and Wm. Bagley.

FRED STRANG RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Fred L. Strang received a telegram from Washington yesterday announcing his appointment as an official in the federal bureau of markets was expected in a few days, and he will probably leave for Chicago during the present week, says the Medford Mall Tribune. Mr. Strang who has been pathologist in Douglas county and is very proficient in his line, will probably have charge of one of the eastern bureaus which have recently been created to check up on the fruit shipments for the government in the interest of the shipper. Heretofore the fruit shipper has had no protection when his shipment was refused and was forced to abide by the consignee's decision. The bureau of markets will protect him from any imposition in this direction.

Halladay & More, contractors, who recently finished work on the federal building, today left for Portland after several months spent in this city.

CO. COURT ORDERS IN ROAD MATTERS

Petition of A. L. Eager and 23 Others For Roadway Is Granted.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR WOOD

Sheriff Quine was Allowed \$266.70, Amount Stolen From Vault—Mainpin Gateway Road Petition Denied.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the county court on road petitions, etc., that were submitted from different parts of the county for disposition during their recent session:

In the matter of the petition of A. L. Eager and 23 others for the location of a county road in district Nos. 26 and 27, the report of the road viewers filed December 31 as to damages was finally adopted and the petition of George Hall asking for more damages was denied.

In the matter of the petition of Sheriff George K. Quine, tax collector of Douglas county for indemnity on account of moneys taken from the vault in the tax collecting office the 25 day of March, 1917, when unknown persons burglarized the vault absconding with \$266.70. This amount had been taken in by the tax collector on Saturday evening, March 25. The sheriff alleges that the vault into which the funds were placed was not adequate and not reasonably safe and therefore, through negligence on his part should not be held responsible for the amount taken. An order was made releasing Sheriff Quine from liability and he was further authorized to credit the amount stolen upon his books in order to balance them.

Sealed bids for the furnishing of 185 tiers of dry oak wood out of old growth of black oak timber will be received by the county clerk on or before January 23. The wood is to be delivered at the court house on or before September 1, 1918 and must be 16 inches in length not less than three nor more than 8 inches in diameter. Bids will also be received on 15 tiers of old growth dry fir wood of the same dimensions.

The following wood is needed for the county home one mile east of Roseburg: 45 tiers of oak, 15 inches in length out of old growth timber black oak and 20 tiers of wood two feet in length out of old growth fir.

The bids will be opened at 1:30 p. m. on January 23, 1918, and the court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Mrs. Frances M. Travis, contractor for the paving of the county road between Roseburg and the soldiers home has filed a certificate of completion and final estimate. Any remonstrances or claims should be presented in writing to the county clerk on or before two weeks from publication.

An order directing the county clerk to draw a warrant in favor of the supervisor of road district No. 30 in the sum of \$192.55 to reimburse

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LITTLE CHANGE IN WAR OPERATIONS

Russian Endeavor to Take Conference to Stockholm Is Ineffectual.

LUDENDORF STILL ON JOB

Socialists Stumbling Block in German Affairs—Lively Activities on Western and Italian Fronts, No Positive Operations.

(By Associated Press.)
ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD, Jan. 7.—Russian efforts to have Germany acquiesce in the transfer of negotiations for peace from Brest-Litovsk to Stockholm, apparently have failed. Reports from Germany that fear of intrigue in Stockholm on the part of entente interests would endanger the work of the plenipotentiaries, is not confirmed in Petrograd. Trotzky went to Brest-Litovsk in a vain effort to persuade the Germans to go to Stockholm. In Germany the political situation is much disturbed over the attitude of liberal parties concerning the government's stand on the proposed transfer of negotiations. Socialists appear to be the stumbling block, and there is danger that they may desert the reichstag majority, making it necessary for the government to reform party alignments. Berlin reports deny that General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general, has resigned.

There are lively activities on the western and Italian fronts, but no operations in strength have developed within the past few days.

Strengthening Front.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Preparing for a possible open refusal of Germany to abide by the Russian demands and evacuate Slav territory pending final settlement of issues involving occupied. The Bolsheviks is definitely strengthening forces at the front, Petrograd advises state. M. Badek, Russian delegate, who took a prominent part in the peace negotiations, told the Daily News correspondent that the Bolsheviks intended to send home all soldiers who did not wish to fight, so that they would have an army that was willing to battle for their ideals. Badek said "that we do not desire help of the allies. Our strength lies in our weakness. We stand for a democratic peace, and so do the German working classes. If Germany attacks us that government will display itself to its own people in a true light."

SUSPECT CONFESSES ROBBERY POSTOFFICE

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Jan. 7.—John Johnson, captured at Kelso, has confessed that he and two other men robbed the Cle Elum postoffice Christmas eve.

PAC. COAST HARDWARE FIRMS CONSOLIDATED

S. K. Sykes, the well known hardware merchant, received a circular letter this morning to the effect that two of the largest wholesale hardware concerns, namely, the Pacific Hardware and Steel Co., and the Baker & Hamilton Co., both of San Francisco, have consolidated and will now be known as the Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company.

The new corporation is capitalized at \$4,250,000 of which \$3,000,000 is preferred stock and the residue of \$1,250,000 is common stock.

These widely known firms have long been in business in the California metropolis and it is understood that the major portion of the retail hardware stock purchased in this community comes from this source.

ARMY DESERTER IS ARRESTED AT REEDSPORT

According to information received at the sheriff's office this morning Leon F. Boggs, wanted at Madera, Calif., charged with deserting from the United States army, had been taken into custody at Reedport by Deputy Sheriff Otto Weaver, who

will arrive here with his man this evening.

The telegram sent to the officials here from the Madera draft board stated that young Boggs failed to report for enlistment, as ordered, with the drafted men of that county when these registrants departed for the American lake cantonment and has since been hunted as a "slacker". Boggs, will be incarcerated here until further information is received from the Madera officials, who no doubt will advise Sheriff Quine to turn the absquatulator over to the military authorities at Camp Lewis, where court martial proceedings will no doubt follow.

BRITISH MUST FIGHT OR RETURN TO HOME

One of the most interesting questions that has engaged the attention of Great Britain and the United States since the latter country entered the war is the reciprocal draft. Public attention is once more focused on this subject by the arrival in the United States of Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, the attorney general of Great Britain, who is here to put the finishing touches on the tentative agreement between the two countries before it is submitted to congress for approval.

"Great Britain," said Sir Frederick, "has made arrangements with practically all of her allies, whereby British subjects of military age may be returned to their own country, with the exception of those who have already volunteered for military service. It is the hope of the British government to make a similar arrangement with the United States so that every Britisher and Canadian in the United States who is in good physical condition and of military age may serve his country. The people worth while in Great Britain are determined to see this war through to a victorious conclusion, and there is no reason why every Britisher and Canadian in the United States should not do his part, provided he is able to do so."

KLAMATH SHEEPMEN EXPERIENCING TROUBLE

(By Associated Press.)
KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 7.—Rumors of trouble between sheepmen and homesteaders of northern California have reached this city and O. T. McKendrie, a prominent sheep man who owns herds in that district has gone to investigate. Unverified reports are to the effect that armed men have threatened the lives of the herders who are ranging sheep in the forest reserves just south of the state line.

UMPUQA RESIDENT DIES THIS MORNING

Coroner M. E. Ritter was called to Umpqua this morning following the announcement that a lady of that vicinity had died suddenly. The unfortunate woman, so it is stated has been ill for some time and would not consult a physician, her condition growing steadily worse until she passed away. The name of the deceased could not be ascertained at a late hour this afternoon, but it is understood that the body will be shipped to Idaho for burial.

EMBEZZLER FORD IN TOILS OF THE LAW

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Homer P. Ford, wanted in Portland for embezzling \$10,000 from the Peninsula Lumber Co., is reported to have been arrested in New Mexico.

MARSTERS SLATED FOR PRESIDENT FAIR BOARD

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the state fair board here this week it is expected that H. A. Lea will be re-elected secretary, and that A. C. Marsters, of Roseburg, will be elected president, and J. I. Reynolds vice-president. In this event Mr. Marsters will succeed W. H. Savage as head of the fair board, while Mr. Reynolds will succeed Mr. Marsters as vice-president.

2500 SOLDIERS PASS THROUGH ROSEBURG

Men From American Lake Enroute to California—In Training 3 Months.

IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

Give Exhibition at Depot to Keen Enjoyment of Everyone—Clothing Equipment Poor, But Health is Excellent.

Two thousand five hundred conscripted soldiers from American Lake passed through Roseburg at various intervals yesterday morning enroute to California cantonments where they will train for a few weeks prior to their trip across the water. Included among the men were a number of the California boys who were fed in this city recently, enroute to the lake. The boys have been stationed at the lake for three months, and as far as clothing equipment was concerned this was noticeably poor, a number being without leggings, hats, shirts and government army shoes. However, the men declared that they were to be thoroughly equipped upon their arrival in the south.

Notwithstanding their short duration of training the boys were in splendid physical shape and while in the city gave a most excellent exhibition of their marching. Different sections of men were taken through a number of training features, including marching, and calisthenics of every description. Enthusiasm was at the highest pitch and the utmost seriousness fortified by a spirit of good-natured jollity prevailed throughout the ranks at all times. One squad marched up Cass street and a better showing could not have been made by a company of regulars.

To the keen enjoyment of the local citizens who had gathered at the station harmonious songs, yells and gymnastic stunts proved intensely interesting and among the boys were entertainers of unusual ability. An acrobatic soldier from "somewhere in California" was the center of interest and admiration and in his exhibitions of various stunts a number of wonderfully intricate and seemingly impossible antics were performed.

According to one of the boys the conscripted men at American Lake are fast becoming proficient in the art of soldiery and the kaiser will have a body of "Old Glory's" sons after him that will never give up. "They are going into it strong," said the soldier boy, "and after their three months' training up there something has been kindled in their hearts that was never there before—a true feeling of patriotism. They were loyal and seemingly patriotic before, but now they are wild to be up and doing. We are in the war to the finish and we are awake to our responsibility."

The definite knowledge of their location was not known by the boys. However, they were sure that their ultimate destination was "somewhere in France" and only the keenest satisfaction was manifest at the possibility.

TWENTY MILLION FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The omnibus rivers and harbors bill at this session is assured, and the measure will appropriate approximately \$20,000,000. Included in the bill will probably be \$250,000 for the improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland.

HARDWARE DEALERS CONVENTION PORTLAND

According to information received here this morning the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers association is to hold its 12th annual convention at Portland January 22 to 23 inclusive, making their headquarters at the Imperial hotel.

Frank H. Churchill, of this city, and A. F. Stearns, of Stearns & Chenoweth, of Oakland, are members of the executive committee and in all probability will be present during the meetings.

Matters of supreme interest to the retail dealers will be discussed by

men of noted ability. Among the speakers who are to lecture before the assemblage are Frank B. White, managing director of the Agricultural Publication Association of Chicago, who will deliver an address on "Selling to the Farmer Through the Retailer," and Ben R. Vardaman, the renowned community builder, who will talk on "Merchandising, Advertising and Salesmanship."

HUNS SHUDDER AS BRITONS ADVANCE

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Jan. 7.—British patrols have crossed the Piave river. Crossing of Britons at various points along the river has caused alarm in the enemy lines.

SHIP LUCKENBACK SUNK BY TORPEDO

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The American steamship Harry Luckenback has been torpedoed, and sunk. Eight of the crew of thirty-two are missing. This does not include the naval guard aboard the vessel.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS RESIDENT ROSEBURG

Grafton Worthington Passed Away This Morning at Home Near Myrtle Creek.

ILL PAST THREE YEARS

General Breakdown in Health Caused Deceased to Leave This City Two Years Ago and Go to His Farm—Funeral Tomorrow

Word reached this city early today to the effect that Grafton Worthington, for nearly twenty-six years a resident of Roseburg, had passed away at his home near Myrtle Creek at 9 o'clock this morning after a lingering illness, covering a period of some three years.

The deceased, prior to his removal to his farm, was a prominent cement contractor of this city, and widely known throughout the county and the announcement of his death is deeply regretted by his many friends in this city. Mr. Worthington was about 55 years of age and had always enjoyed good health until about three years ago when he became afflicted with stomach trouble which was the direct result of his death. His jovial manner had won many warm friends for him and he was popular among the Odd Fellows of this city, having long been a member of Rising Star lodge, I. O. O. F.

The deceased was born at Washington, D. C., and came to Douglas county in the year 1890 from Neligh, Neb. He is survived by his wife and nine children, Henry Worthington, of this city; Mrs. Clint Shrader, of Ohio; Mrs. Clara Goodman, of Coquille; Alex and George Worthington, of Days Creek; Fred, who is a member of the 4th company, now at Fort Stevens; Victor, and two daughters, Ida and Eva, the last three residing at the family home near Myrtle Creek.

The funeral of the deceased will occur at Myrtle Creek tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be attended by all the relatives in this vicinity. It is quite probable that a number of local residents will also attend. Services will be conducted by the I. O. O. F. lodge of Myrtle Creek.

SENATE WILL VOTE LAND LEASING BILL

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Under an agreement to vote on the issue before the end of the day's session, the senate is considering the coal, oil and land leasing bill. Amendments have been considered.

Henry Dewald arrived this afternoon from Day's Creek and will attend to business matters for a few days.

TO STANDARDIZE ALL ROAD BUILDING

County Road Master M. B. Germond Tells of Construction Plans.

LIKE PATROLING SYSTEM

Good Highways to Radiate From Market Centers to Outlying Districts Under Present Regime—Upkeep is Essential.

With abolishing of the county road supervisors comes now the new patroling system of keeping up our highways and byways. The new plan enacted by the legislature provides for district patroling, who are to inspect the roads in their respective districts at all times of the year, and upon the discovery of any bad places therein are required to report the fact immediately to the county officials. In many instances the former road supervisors will be named to act in this capacity, but when necessary, other appointments will be made and allotments of territory given until the highways throughout the county are under proper supervision.

County Engineer M. B. Germond, who was recently appointed to act as county road master, will be at the head of this patroling system, working under the direction of the county court. According to Mr. Germond, all road building hereafter will be standardized as far as possible in consideration of the diversified topography and climatic conditions of our county. Formations in the different sections of the county widely differ. Tide water and tide flats formations are met with in the coast districts, sticky clay in the northern part, black land in Roseburg and vicinity, and conglomerate and slate in the southern districts. Under the present plan when roads are constructed, the conditions and formations in that particular locality will be first considered and the highway built so as to conform with the existing topography, paying special attention to proper drainage and crowning, that water will not stand on the surface.

Hereafter no roads will be built on other than permanent locations, and only where a possible radical change is considered very remote. Therefore county road funds can be expended for the necessary upkeep of these highways, without any fear that the moneys thus expended might possibly, at some future time, should the line be changed, go for naught, as has been the case in many instances in the past.

All the roadways throughout the county will be patrolled the entire year, thus materially minimizing the work to be done in the spring to keep them in first class condition the year round. In other words, when a road is constructed along certain lines, it will not be left to wear completely out before the necessary repairs are made. This item itself will save the county many hundreds of dollars. The why for is simple enough. If the repairs are made at the first sign of a weak spot in the highway, instead of sleeping at the switch until the bottom has completely gone out of the road, subjecting the farmer, who must bring his produce to market, to many unnecessary hardships, traversing a roadway of mud holes that much resemble the water filled shell craters on the battle fields of Europe. It doesn't require a great deal of mental effort to ascertain which procedure is the more costly to the taxpayer. The patroling system will tend to eliminate this state of conditions and in the future, under the present capable management of our county affairs the farmer will get the road facilities he is justly entitled to. First class highways are to radiate from each market center to the people in the outlying districts and will be kept so during the entire year under all weather conditions.

UNCLE SAM CAN SEND SOLDIERS ANYWHERE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—As the first step in the government assistance of railroads financing, railway presidents are requested to telegraph the interstate commerce commission immediately concerning the amount of capital required for 1918, and also the sum needed for the first six months of the year.

S. M. Kelly, who expected to leave this city Sunday for Portland to serve as a federal grand juror, received word Saturday evening that his services would not be required before the 14th of the present month.