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MOVEMENT NEXT DRAFT MARCH 29

Washington's Apportionment to Include 369 Men—Continue Five Days.

ALL STATES BUT TWO

Are Included in the Call and Will Take Men Left Over in First Draft and Those Subject to Call in the Second Draft.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 12.—A movement of 95,000 drafted men, beginning March 29, and continuing through March 31, and continuing Provost Marshal General Crowder. In order to make up this contingent troops will be called from all states except Iowa and Minnesota and includes men remaining from the first draft who were not called into service and all those liable to call in the second draft, which will virtually complete the first draft. No information is forthcoming from the department how many men in the second draft will be effected. In this movement of troops Oregon's apportionment is 369 men, while 638 will be taken from the state of Washington.

800,000 Men to Be Called.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Provost Marshal General Crowder made his first official announcement today of the time the second draft would be ordered, and according to present plans this will be done as soon as congress amends the law now in force in reference to the basis of computing the apportionments of men to be supplied from among the various states according to their registration in class one. It is quite probable that 800,000 men will be considered as being eligible in the second draft, though there is no intention on the part of the provost marshal to ask for this entire number at one time and there will be no sudden withdrawal of any great number of men from the various industries or agricultural pursuits. It is the intention that the men will be taken in small numbers and the movement will commence in April, according to present plans of the department.

Americans Raid Unassisted.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 12.—At six o'clock yesterday morning an American raiding party entered the German trenches along the Toul sector after a heavy artillery fire and brought back with them much material and information concerning the Hunns, but no prisoners. This is the first raid made by the American soldiers without the aid of the French.

Rate Increase Is Approved.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The interstate commerce commission has approved the application by the western railroads for an increased import and export commodity rate between Pacific coast points and the interior. The increase on Sinal has been denied.

Russians Vacate Moscow.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Russian revolutionary government is ready to move from Moscow to a point farther east if the Germans continue their advance, according to official information received in a dispatch.

Express Companies Next.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—That government control will probably be extended soon to take in all the leading express companies is the information now intimated by the administration.

To Command American Troops.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Major General John Biddle, it has been announced at war headquarters, will probably be in command of all American troops serving in England.

Japan Is Undecided.

LONDON, March 12.—Japan has not yet fully decided to dispatch troops to Siberia according to information announced today.

ALMEDA MINE INSTALLS MACHINERY

GRANTS PASS, March 10.—A contract has been awarded for the installation of a large re-reduction plant for the Almeda Mines Company on Rogue river 27 miles below Grants Pass. This is to be the largest milling and smelting plant in Oregon and one of the largest on the coast, with a daily capacity of 400 tons. The Almeda mine has one of the

large ore bodies of the west. It has some 10,000 feet of underground workings, which include a 500-foot shaft, and it is said that there is now available in workings of the mine above the shaft alone commercial ore to the value of more than \$6,000,000.

SHERIFF GEO. K. QUINE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

In another column of today's News will be found the announcement of Geo. K. Quine, for re-election to the office of sheriff of this county, subject to the approval of the voters at the coming primary election. That Mr. Quine has made a most efficient and courageous official is the universal opinion of his many friends throughout the county and it is for this reason that they are anxious to give him their undivided support and are pleased to note his decision to enter the primaries.

GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING THIS P. M.

Planning to Enlist Everybody in Food Production for the War.

WORLD FACES A CRISIS

Necessary for Idle Lands to Be Planted and the People Make Provision to Release Grains for Shipment to the Allies.

Gardening projects, back lot and vacant lot gardens will receive consideration this afternoon at a meeting of the committee appointed to further the work of food production in the city. The committee, whose chairman is Mrs. O. C. Brown, is composed of, in addition to the chairman, Mrs. S. D. Evans, Mrs. Wm. Bell, C. J. Hurd, Prof. Aubrey Smith, O. C. Brown and J. M. Throne, met at four o'clock, and expect to formulate plans looking to large plantings this spring. It is conceded by everybody who has given the question even trifling thought, that the world is confronting a food crisis. Few localities, indeed, will escape rationing before the year is passed into history. Over in Europe, where most of the able bodied men are serving with the colors, and women must be largely depended upon to take care of farming operations, crop yields will be shortened and acreage planted away below normal.

Situated as the United States is, the brunt of responsibility for supplying food stuffs for the allies will fall upon this country. There is no evading the issue, and it is to impress upon the public mind this important truth that meetings are being held in localities, committees being appointed to further the work and get a centralized effort for the production of food stuffs. The committee meeting this afternoon will endeavor to organize the work, and other committees will doubtless be appointed whose duty it will be to get in touch with available lots and parcels of land, arrange for the cultivation of such tracts, help individuals get plowing done and in every possible way that may be devised set the wheels of production in motion. It is believed by everybody that if available lots can be utilized for growing potatoes, corn, beans, cabbage, parsnips, turnips, carrots, and such other products as may be kept over winter, that the demand for other field grains will be reduced by at least fifty per cent, and in this way release for shipment to the allies great quantities of supplies that this country as a whole is called upon to furnish this year.

The co-operation of every individual in the city and county is desired in the movement starting today in the committee work at the high school. As in other respects, Douglas county will be asked to show its loyalty to the cause of a world freedom by meeting the emergency. No call has so far been made but what Douglas county has more than met the requirements. Since the people here have so freely given of their sons, many of whom are already made the great sacrifice, why not give a thousand times more liberally of the products of her rich soils to maintain the army and feed the world if need be? Money has not been lacking to meet every call for finance, and as the good people come to realize that these small garden plots are a most necessary addition to the work in hand, there will be a rallying to measure up to the demand. Get your mind ready to help the good work along. The garden committees will expect every red blooded American to get busy.

REPORTS MADE ON THE COUNTY BOOKS

Some Few Minor Shortages Discovered in Two Offices—Sheriff Ahead.

DAILY BALANCE URGED

Question Bobs Up of What to Do With Money in Refund Account—Few Taxpayers Claim Overpayments.

At a session of the county court this morning, A. G. Sutherland, who has been experting the books in the various departments, reported at length in connection with auditing of the sheriff's, clerk's and treasurer's accounts, and suggestions were made urging the adoption of a daily balance for each official, in order to facilitate the work. The report was commendatory of the sheriff's office, the accounts of that official being found better than usual. In regard to the shortages in both the clerk's and treasurer's offices, it was shown that discrepancies had crept in, and while immaterial shortages occurred it was believed the daily balance sheet would help the officials to eliminate all mistakes. Under the present system a monthly balance is struck, and audit was based upon the books as found January 1. It was also stated by both Treasurer Sawyers and Clerk Lenox that if they could have the audit begin February 1, giving them time to check up on the business at the end of the year, most, if not all, of the errors would be found and corrected before the experts take over the books.

In connection with the audit of the sheriff's books Mr. Sutherland said in his summing up, referring to the tax department: "We believe the average is much better than formerly. The average of the 1916 report was found and worked out during the year 1917. In order to receive full benefit of an audit, the report should be carefully checked and corrections made. More information on irregular transactions will be found to be of great benefit to all concerned. The cash book as kept is little more than a good reference. A daily cash balance would be of inestimable value, and could be maintained with little extra work if the daily transactions were footed and balanced every day."

The clerk's office was found by the experts to be \$34.04 shy of what the books called for, but this was mostly in little matters which were satisfactorily accounted for. In this connection Mr. Sutherland emphasized the necessity of a daily balance as the one means of eliminating these trivial but annoying matters, which, while no reflection on the officials, are much to be avoided, and said: "A daily balance should be maintained in the clerk's office. Canceled warrants should be arranged in convenient packages with slips showing the period of issuance, number, and outstanding warrants. A number held in the clerk's office seem to have passed the seven year mark and should be cancelled."

It may be said in this connection that a balance taken in the clerk's office February 1 showed that instead of a discrepancy against the official, the county held something over \$6 of Mr. Lenox's money. Taking up the treasurer's office, Mr. Sutherland reported as follows: "The unusually long, laborious checking was held on the treasurer's books, owing to innumerable, petty errors that were encountered. The treasurer maintains a special road tax ledger which appears to be superfluous, as the figures which are bound to result from such information as he has to gather them from must necessarily be in error, in as much as he charges against the several districts only such vouchers as are paid, and not knowing the amount of the outstanding vouchers. There is a disparity between the individual ledgers and cash book, and it has existed for some time. There should be a balancing of accounts so that ledger balances may be more readily worked out. We recommend that the status of those accounts known as 'refund accounts' on special road districts, amounting to some \$9483.29, should be determined by the court and disposed of." Shortage in the treasurer's office was about \$58, but this was acknowledged as an error or oversight and made good.

It appears that the accounts above referred to were created by certain road districts voting special tax, and later these levies were contested or suits threatened by timber corporations and declared null and void. In the meantime many persons had paid their taxes, including the special levies, and the money thus received on the special road levies was returnable to parties having paid it in. Notice was given of the fact, but

DOUGLAS CO. MEN SUMMONED BY DRAFT

Simultaneously with announcement from Washington that the next draft would occur on March 29, a wire was received at county draft headquarters late this afternoon that Douglas county would be required to supply nine men. Chief Clerk Kaffety immediately called the board and nine names were drawn in their order. These men are five per cent of the gross quota of 188 subject to the first call here, and are:

- Chester B. Johns.....Glendale
- L. A. Sunderland.....Los Angeles
- Fred Dillard.....Natchez, Wash.
- Aaron Dysart.....Looking Glass
- Geo. C. Selvas.....Leona
- Richard Smith.....Melrose
- Carl Burgoyne.....Roseburg
- Alured T. Walker.....Reedsport
- John Gross.....Yoncalla

The men will be inducted into the service on March 29 and sent immediately to Camp Lewis, Wash. Some of them will doubtless be inducted at a point nearest their present residence, and go from there to the cantonment.

many parties failed to get their refund, and the total money remaining in the treasury was considerable. The time limit for refunding money of this sort has long since expired, and this necessitates action on the part of the court.

CAMBRAI BOMBARDED BY BRITISH TODAY

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, March 12.—Cambrai, which has been held by the Germans, and where the recent big engagement occurred between the British and Huns, was bombarded today by the British with long range guns, and several of the shells from the heaviest calibre guns used by the English fell within the limits of the city.

GERMAN PRISONERS WITH THE BOLSHIEVIKI

(By Associated Press.) HARBIN, Manchuria, March 12.—General Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, has re-retreated into Manchuria before the advance of superior Bolsheviki forces, according to advices received. The fighting indicates that they have the co-operation of former German prisoners. General Semenov's munitions are entirely exhausted as well as his funds.

WILL TAKE ALLEGED SLACKERS TO PORTLAND

The two Belding boys, held in the county jail, accused of evading the draft, will probably be turned over to the federal authorities at Portland in a day or two. Sheriff Geo. Quine is in communication with the authorities at the Oregon metropolis, and it is believed an officer will arrive here in a short time to take the men north.

MELROSE YOUTH ON BATTLESHIP IS LOST

A telegram was received in this city last evening announcing the drowning of Perry Wheat, a former Douglas county boy, and whose parents now reside a few miles beyond Melrose. The young man had been serving on the U. S. battleship Rochester which boat has been used as a convoy since the United States entered into war, and while no information was contained in the message where the accident occurred it is presumed he was drowned on a recent trip across the water to France or England. The young man had been with this boat for the past six months, having been in the service for a year, and was about 20 years of age. Information concerning his death came from the war department at Washington and contained no details.

EVAPORATOR PLANT MAY BE BUILT HERE

Gentleman of Experience With Ample Capital Investigating Situation.

TO CONTRACT PRODUCE

Proposes to Build Absolutely Fire Proof Brick and Steel Structure—Will Also Can Vegetables of Every Sort.

Another opportunity is knocking at the door of Douglas county, and the people of this locality will be given the chance to meet the issue. For a long time there has been seen the need of an evaporating plant and cannery for handling the products of the Umpqua basin. The opportunity is now ripe to secure the coveted prize. But at the same time it cannot be won without effort, because other localities are after the same thing, and the party is being importuned to build his plant at other progressive places.

An evaporating plant that will handle all of the fruit unsuited for shipment in the green state is sorely needed. With thousands of acres of young and thrifty orchards just coming into profitable bearing, and still younger plantings rapidly coming into production, growers are looking around for somewhere to dispose of the second grade stuff. Not only is this true of the fruit industry, but small farmers and "truck" men have needed long years for a cannery to take care of their surpluses.

But believing that "all things come to him" who has a good thing to offer the investor, the people have held on and kept the wheels of industry moving, although handicapped and greatly for want of a good and sufficient market. When the canner at Green was built a few years ago, it was thought relief to the fruit men and small grower was in sight, but lack of capital and experience in the promoters of the institution combined to defeat the ends desired. Just now another proposition has come this way, and it is incumbent on the growers of the Umpqua valley to meet the issue squarely.

Mr. Frank M. Radovan, recently of San Francisco, but formerly of North Yakima, Wash., one of the greatest fruit growing sections in the United States, came here yesterday with a view of looking over the situation and interesting growers in a proposition. He comes highly recommended, and is a gentleman who has had the experience in this particular line that is essential to success. He has ample capital to float the business. He did not tell The News that he wanted a site, but it ought to be offered him—and co-operation of growers, and the thing is done.

As soon as The News discovered the gentleman was in town it immediately began to mobilize red blooded boosters and if Roseburg does not go "over the top" with the proposition this paper greatly misjudges the whole population. It is proposed by Mr. Radovan to build and equip a first class absolutely fire proof, brick and steel evaporation plant that is capable of handling 200 tons of fruit in a day or two. He will buy all the fruit that the plant can handle, and will pay cash to growers for their products. He simply wants assurance that he will be supplied with at least that much of the product. In addition, he will contract to buy this stuff in advance. He will also contract for tomatoes and other products. He wants the stuff.

He wants co-operation of not only the commercial club, but of the farmers, fruit growers and "truck" men in the Umpqua valley. Growers as far south as Medford can ship here with perfect assurance of a ready market. Growers to the north will be afforded a market. Contracts will be made to take the fruit or other products right out of the orchards or gardens, if desired. Mr. Radovan will go farther, and will contract for certain acreages of products at a specified figure. He wants to locate here, but he believes it only fair that the people take a first hand interest in the business.

Now what is Roseburg going to do in this matter? Some of the bankers have already met Mr. Radovan and express their determination to boost his proposition to successful culmination. The gentleman has met the leaders of the commercial club; he is meeting with outspoken good will and great enthusiasm is being shown. That the plant can be located here and gotten ready for business this fall, is the opinion of the parties interested. It is also plenty of time to contract with the evaporator for supplying fruit and tomatoes or other stuff. While the commercial club is laying out a plan for

a campaign, let every man and woman in the community give it earnest consideration and moral support. Mr. Radovan will meet the fruit and produce growers of the county tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the city hall and discuss the project of establishing a plant in this city. A large number of our people should attend the session which will be vitally important to the county.

FRENCH GET FOUR GERMAN AIRPLANES

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 12.—In an air raid on Paris last night the Germans lost four of their machines. Nine squadrons participated in the raid. Thirty-four persons were killed and nine injured in Paris and the suburbs during last night's air raid. In addition to the victims of the bombs thrown from the machines, sixty-nine persons suffocated through their attempt to crowd into the Metropolitan railway entrance during the panic caused by the raid, and these consisted mainly of women and children.

ASK FAIR DEAL IN WAGON ROAD GRANT

County Court Sends Memorial To House Committee Relation to Matter.

FUNDS BELONG HERE

Document Shows Details of Grant, Naming Roseburg Pioneers Identified With the Work—Much Interesting Data.

A memorial was this morning adopted by the county court, and the official signatures of County Judge Masters and Commissioners Nichols and St. John affixed, asking Hon. John N. Tillman, chairman of the sub-committee of the committee on public lands, who are considering house bill 8625, which has for its object the disposition of the lands known as the "Coos Bay Wagon Road Land Grant," to not apportion money that may be received from these properties to localities remote from this section. The memorial, which was drawn by Attorney Geo. Nease, Jr., goes into an exhaustive history of the land grant, beginning at the time early Douglas county pioneers organized the company, among whom were Aaron Rose, Sr., Dr. S. Hamilton, A. R. Flint, J. F. Watson, D. L. Watson, J. N. Eberline, and others, and continuing up to the present time. It is shown that the road constructed by those pioneers is still in use, that the area of Douglas county is probably 5000 square miles, that only 45 per cent of the land in the county is subject to taxation, the other 55 per cent being forest reserves, etc., and that the 45 per cent of the area carries the burden of keeping up all county expenses, including roads through government lands. The valuation of assessable property is shown to be \$28,000,000. From this must be deducted reversion of \$6,000,000 worth of O. & C. railroad lands, and also a final and further reduction by removal of the wagon road grant land from the tax rolls. It is shown that the county maintains 2300 miles of wagon roads and 2300 of more than ten feet span, while 105 miles of the new Pacific highway lies in the county. Much of the land belonging to the original wagon road grant lies in Douglas county. A great deal of the property is timber. Expense of protecting the timber has fallen upon the county quite largely. Many of these timber tracts are believed to carry 15,000,000 or 16,000,000 feet of timber, and will be valuable for farming and dairy properties when logged off. In conclusion the memorial states that the county court believes it manifestly unfair for the government to place any portion of the proceeds of such land or timber sales into the reclamation or any other fund. "The state and counties in which this land grant is located have been burdened for years with heavy taxation. They will be burdened for years to come in carrying out the policy of caring for and protecting the timber thereon, and, as a matter of equity and justice, they should be entitled to all of the proceeds from the sale of said timber and lands, over and above the actual cost of administration by the government."

The memorial was forwarded to Chairman Tillman this afternoon, and it is expected will have much weight in the committee reaching a final decision in relation to disposing of the funds to be derived from the sales.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF S. D. ADVENTISTS

Quadrennial Session Will Be Held in San Francisco March and April.

ROSEBURGERS WILL GO

Several Delegates Going From City—Missionaries From All Parts of Earth Will Attend This Great Business Meeting.

Seventh-Day Adventists throughout the Southern Oregon Conference are looking forward with more than ordinary interest to the quadrennial session of the general or world conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists, the governing body of the denomination, which will be held in San Francisco March 29 to April 14. Everyone of the thousands of churches of the denomination in North America will be represented, as well as churches in many foreign countries.

This will be the first convention of the general conference since the spring of 1913, and in the point of attendance it will be the largest. The Civic Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 10,000, has been secured for the entire session.

Pastor J. A. Rippey, president of the Southern Oregon conference, who is well known in the churches of Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Grant's Pass, Eugene, Coquille, North Bend, Junction City, Cottage Grove, Ashland, and many other places, will be chairman of the delegation which will represent the churches in southern Oregon.

Other delegates and visitors to the San Francisco convention will be E. C. Stiles, secretary and treasurer of the conference; S. C. Rockwell, Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretary; O. H. Shrawbury, Field Missionary secretary, and E. E. Rippey, all of Roseburg; A. V. Rhoads and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Lockwood, of Medford; also C. F. Plaz and C. A. Chandler, of Marshfield.

All the world leaders of the denomination will be present, as will also missionaries from India, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, many of the South Pacific Islands, South Africa, different countries in South America, Great Britain, and perhaps some of the countries in continental Europe. The Adventists are strong in many countries of Europe, but the war will prevent some of the delegates from attending.

Business affairs affecting the entire denomination for years to come will be transacted at this session. Officers to serve for the coming four years will be elected, missionaries provided for the countries where the denomination is now operating, and missionaries called to enter new fields. It is expected that a big feature of the session will be the outlining of plans for the advancement of the gospel in heathen lands. Reports from every officer, every departmental secretary, every union conference president, and every mission superintendent, will also be given.

Adventists are now proclaiming the second coming of Christ in 32 different countries, using orally 123 languages and publishing gospel literature in 90 languages.

Pastor A. G. Daniels, of Washington, D. C., president of the general or world conference, will be chairman of the session.

The North American division conference, which includes the churches in the United States and Canada, will hold its session in connection with the general conference, and Pastor I. H. Evans, its president, who has his headquarters in Washington, D. C., will be chairman.

BIG MEETING HOME GUARD LAST NIGHT

The regular meeting of the local home guard was largely attended last evening and there were many new recruits on hand to join the ranks of the organization. Since the announcement made that all members must attend regularly, unless a good excuse is given, for drill work, a decided interest is shown by all concerned. The armory or equipment was not sufficiently large enough last night to accommodate all those who wished to participate in the drill and if the present quota is enlarged to any great extent it will be necessary to either form another company or give a separate night each week to a different set of members. The uniforms have been ordered and will arrive here within the next few weeks.