

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS WILL NOT BE SO RIGID

PROVOST GENERAL MODIFIES
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
NEW ARMY

DEFECTIVE TEETH NOT A BAR TO SERVICE

Number of Men Available Will Be
Greatly Increased—Weight Is Re-
duced and Chest Measurements Al-
so—Eye and Ear Tests Also Mod-
ified.

Washington, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—The Provost Marshal General greatly modified the physical requirements of men in the national army, increasing greatly the number of men available.

"If dental work will restore the teeth so to meet demands of proper mastication, men with defective teeth should be accepted, or allowed sufficient time to have the necessary work done and be enrolled later," General Crowder instructed the exemption boards.

Reductions of weight five to twelve pounds, according to height; chest measurements one-half inch less in case a man is taller than five feet eight inches are allowed.

Regulations as to ear and eye tests have been modified slightly, excluding fewer men.

HOOVER IS READY TO START WORK

MACHINERY OF FOOD CONTROL
IS READY TO BE PUT IN
OPERATION

Washington, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—Hoover is awaiting the President's word, formally designating him food controller.

Machinery for executing the most sweeping law in the history of the country is ready.

Hoover conferred with the President today.

LUMBER MUST BE MOVED IN DIRECT ROUTES

Washington, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—The Interstate Commerce Commission tentatively held the railroads "practice of moving lumber in circuitous routes and in this way collecting extra charges was unlawful and wasteful." The commission held any switching charge exceeding two or three dollars was unlawful.

MOVE TO RESIST DRAFT NIPPED IN TEXAS

Emory, Texas, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—Over a score of men were arrested in connection with a general movement to resist the draft. Eighteen were arrested last night. A number of men were armed with regular army rifles.

Missionary Society To Meet

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. W. B. Pickens, 605 Jefferson Street, Friday afternoon at 2:30. All ladies of the church and congregation are cordially invited to be present.

SMELTERMEN DEMAND TWO DOLLAR RISE

Butte, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—The Smeltermen's Union gave the Anaconda Copper Mining company until tomorrow to decide whether they will grant a two dollar daily increase to the three thousand members of the union.

A strike would tie up the Butte mines.

The first street car operated here this morning, following the strike declared last week.

The Weather.

Portland, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—The weather: Fair and warmer.

La Grande Has Not Had Rain Since June 29

La Grande has been without a drop of rain now since June 29 or for the last forty-one days. On the 29th of June the rainfall amounted to .16 inch, and all the rain that we have had since the first of June has amounted to only .44 inch. This is the longest drought La Grande has experienced since 1911.

U. S. WILL JOIN TO CONTROL OCEAN FREIGHTS

WITH GREAT BRITAIN
OF SHIPPING AND
SPACE WILL
EXERCISED

Washington, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—Anglo American Joint Control of trans-Atlantic shipping was brought nearer at a conference between Chairman Hurley, of the United States Shipping Board, and Connor Guthrie, the British Traffic Commissioner.

At the close of the session Hurley announced the requisition of American ship space would proceed in a week. This will give the government entire control of ocean freight rates, loading and unloading movements of American vessels.

Great Britain is already exercising these powers.

City Manager Files Report For Week

August 8, 1917.

To the Hon. Commission:

I herewith submit my report for the week ending August 8, 1917.

Fire Chief reports two calls, one due to defective wiring and use of pennies behind fuse box, at which 11 volunteers responded. The other was a still alarm, no volunteers called.

Chief of Police reports 11 arrests for the week, \$277.50 in fines and \$2.00 from the pound.

Water and Street Superintendent's report for the week shows a combined expense for the week of \$166.50, \$34.50 of which was in the water department and \$132.00 in street department. This includes sprinkling, repairs, digging out leaks, etc.

Report of Recorder is as follows:

Receipts.	
Fines	\$277.50
Pound Fees	8.00
Bldg. Permits	.50
Int. on Ass'ts.	56.50
Inst.	188.33
Total	\$530.83

Warrants Drawn

On Library Fund	\$ 171.42
Imp. Int. Fund	940.62
Water Fund	377.75
General Fund	1114.07
Road Fund	495.35
Park Fund	50.00
Total	\$3149.21

Report of Treasurer shows:

Receipts.	
Water	\$1275.15
Interest	572.77
Installments	845.00
Licenses	45.00
Total	\$2712.92

Disbursements

Warrants Road Fund	\$ 534.42
Warrants Water Fund	247.85
Warrants Library Fund	171.42
Warrants Park Fund	50.00
Warrants Const. Fund	34.10
Coupons	255.00
Total	\$1292.79

With reference to new roof on Library building, the annual appropriation in the budget was \$2500.00, to the first of August \$1491.86 had been expended. Balance of \$1008.14 left. I find the fixed expense for the balance of the fiscal year to be \$553.51. During the year of 1916 the fuel bill amounted to \$227.43. No warrant having appeared for the 1917 fuel, we assume that same has not been

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GERMANS TRY TO BLIND THE FOES AVIATORS

WHEN FRENCH AIRPLANES AP-
PEAR, GREAT CLOUDS OF
SMOKE ARISE

GERMANS HAVE LOST THE MASTERY OF AIR

Great Masses of Smoke Hang Over
the German Lines in the Effort to
Conceal the Location of Their Guns.

BY HENRY WOOD

French Headquarters, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—Great masses of smoke and clouds hung over German lines.

Unable to wrest the mastery of the air from the French the enemy is taking recourse on a larger scale to smoke clouds concealing the location of their guns.

The moment a French aviator appears over the Germans huge clouds of smoke appear.

Hogs Sell at \$16.75 Per Hundred

Chicago, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—Hogs sold here at sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents a hundred, the highest price ever known. Hogs are selling six dollars and fifteen cents higher than a year ago.

Union News Items

Union, Ore, Aug. 8.—(Special)—The Union branch of the Red Cross has just shipped a box of hospital supplies containing seventeen and one-half dozen operating sheets. Plans are now being made for taking up the "First Aid" work. The first class will be under the instruction of Dr. Emery. The Union ladies have been busy making comfort bags for the hospital unit at La Grande and a number have already been sent over.

Miss Eleanor Davis and Mrs. Oscar Butzler left Saturday for their camp at the Hall Ranch.

The Rev. Otto, of The Cove, is in the city and will preach at the Methodist church this evening.

Miss Etta Shelton, who is at the Hot Lake Sanatorium taking treatment, is reported getting along nicely.

The "old folks" enjoyed a delightful re-union today under the trees at Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor's home, the guests of the local W. C. T. U.

A very interesting program was rendered and delicious refreshments served to sixty-eight guests. The oldest person present was Mrs. Godfrey, mother of Mrs. Ricker. This aged lady being ninety-eight years young. Mrs. Godfrey was, therefore, the most favored guest and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, Mrs. E. E. Pursel making the presentation speech on behalf of the W. C. T. U.

The following numbers completed the program which was greatly enjoyed by all:

American by the audience. Address by L. P. Derby.

Address by Rev. Otto. Address by Dunham Wright.

Address by Miss Nellie Stevens. Saxophone solo by Mrs. Nora Webb. Reading by Mrs. W. T. Wright.

Address by Mrs. Para Thornton, of La Grande.

J. B. Shanks, the enterprising baker and confectioner, has added a new \$750.00 popcorn outfit to his store.

M. F. Davis and A. N. Stonedahl were visitors to the County Seat today.

Nobody loves a fat man! Poor "Arbuckle" Duffey! They all pick on him. Neverless, he is rounding out in fine shape.

Wool Contracts Let.

Washington, Aug. 9.—(Special)—Wool contracts calling for more than \$18,000,000 worth of wool have been let here, according to announcements made yesterday. The Red Cross has purchased 1,000,000 pounds for knitting purposes and the navy has let contracts for 4,500,000 yards of uniform cloth at an aggregate cost of more than \$16,000,000.

Poles Would Raise Army.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 9.—(Special)—Resolutions requesting President Wilson to authorize the raising of an army of 300,000 Poles in America to avenge Prussian atrocities in Poland were passed at a meeting of 400 Poles Tuesday night.

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H. E. COOLIDGE ELECTED MAJOR HOME GUARDS

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED
AND FIRST DRILL WILL
BE TONIGHT

BOYS ARE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B

H. E. Dixon Appointed Adjutant—
Report of Committee On Organi-
zation Adopted—Membership Rolls
Are Still Open—Purpose of Orga-
nization for Local Defense.

The organization of the Home Guards was completed last night at a mass meeting of citizens held at the city hall.

Clarke Leiter presided and the first order of business was the report of the committee on organization which was presented by H. E. Coolidge.

The members present then signed the new enrollment blanks. These stated that the purposes of the organization were for local defense and the preservation of law and order.

Nominations for major of the battalion were then called for and H. E. Coolidge was nominated and unanimously elected. Mr. Leiter then turned the chair over to the commanding officer.

H. E. Dixon was appointed adjutant and the battalion was ordered to report tonight at 7:15 p. m. at the high school grounds.

The boys have been placed in Company B, and they are expected to report tonight also. The men were divided into two companies, A and C. The battalion will be fully armed and equipped at once.

The rolls are still open. Anyone interested is invited to join. The enrollment blanks may be signed tonight.

The complete list of membership follows:

"A" Company.

Appling, Frank C.
Bales, C. L.
Baum, Raymond C.

Bohnenkamp, Lynn
Bohnenkamp, Hal
Broughton, J. J.

Butler, L. D.
Browning, H. L.
Brown, Ed. J.

Burgess, Fred.
Brenholtz, H. P.
Boyle, Ed.

Caylor, C. P.
Charbonneau, F. A.
Conner, F. B.

Conner, W. V.
Decious, Ben
Evans, Kenneth

Foley, P. A.
French, L. J.
Garrett, J. B.

Gerber, Otto W.
Goodhue, T. H.
Gore, Chas. W.

Goss, H. E.
Green, Roy
Haddon, W. C.

Hawkins, Dale
Huffman, F. M.
Kiddle, Fred E.

Kinnie, Hugh T.
Kivette, W. R., Jr.
King, J. Garfield

Landrum, W. F.
Loney, Andrew
Mason, H. Erle

Nelson, A. W.
Nichols, W. M.
Oliver, H. P.

Oxner, F. E.
Pierson, Howard M.
Powers, Gordon

Richardson, Harley
Roskams, H. E.
Scott, Don J.

Skiff, Nolan
Stein, Martin
Snodgrass, L. L.

Spillman, P. H.
Sullivan, R. J.
Swan, R. E.

Templeton, Hill
Turner, Frank A.
Vehrs, Ernest

Williamson, Lowell
Wright, Lynn
Zundel, Earl

Zurbrick, Harry

"B" Company.

Alstott, Clifford
Black, Frank
Burley, Stephen

Byrkit, Palmer
Bunting, Clyde
Collier, Cleon

Cullen, Max
DeLashmutt, Ward
Donovan, John

Dhalstrom, Russell
Emahiser, Robt.
Ferguson, Luke

Geddes, Grant
Henderson, Vester

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GIGANTIC PLOT TO BREAK DOWN DRAFT AT WORK

Potato Crop Is
Largest In History

Washington, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—The department of agriculture estimated the potato crop at four hundred sixty-seven million bushels. This is above the average and the largest in history.

KAISER CALLS CONFERENCE AT HEADQUARTERS

Amsterdam, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—The Kaiser called an important conference at the Grand Headquarters. Chancellor Michaelis left for headquarters.

Military, governmental and diplomatic leaders will participate. It is believed the entire military and foreign policies will be discussed.

Steps Taken To Avert Fuel Famine

City Manager Currey met with the coal dealers of the city yesterday in regard to the coal situation here. After canvassing the coal districts it was decided that there would be no necessity for a coal famine here this winter. There are about fifteen cars in transit at the present time for the different dealers which are due here in a day or two.

The present shortage is due, they say, to a washout on the D. & R. G., which is the connecting link with the majority of coal fields where we get our supply. And they claim that La Grande will be taken care of for the winter, although we may not be able to get the exact brands that we are accustomed to getting, nevertheless there will be coal of some kind.

These dealers also report more wood in town at the present time than any year previous, that is for this season of the year. Also there are large quantities which have already been arranged for. Wood, however, will be higher than ever before on account of the immense demand for labor and the high cost of feed for the horses employed in delivering the same.

Heretofore the storage coal, or the winter's supply of coal, is usually bought by the consumers in September and October, but, probably profiting by their inability to obtain their supply later in the season last year, the demand has come in a month or two earlier this year, and consequently has found the dealers unprepared. However, shipments are expected any day now.

THRESHERMEN MEET AT ALICEL

Alicel, Ore., Aug. 9.—The Threshermen's meeting was here Tuesday with a fair representative number present, meeting was on schedule time, and soon got down to the consideration of prices for threshing and hired help. Prices determined covered machines that furnish full crews and board.

Prices in the North Powder section for this season's crop is as follows: Oats, 8 cents per bushel; barley, 9 cents per bushel; wheat, 10 cents per bushel. The east end of Grande Ronde valley is as follows: Oats, 12 cents per bushel; barley, 14 cents; wheat, 15 cents per bushel. Sand Ridge prices: Oats, 6 cents; barley and headed wheat 7 cents; wheat bundles, 9 cents.

Regulation of wages was fixed as follows: Engineers, \$6.00 per day; forgers, \$4.50 per day; how-down, \$4.00 per day; sack sewers, \$4.00 per day.

The emergency that now exists in the grain fields is enormous and the prices are for this crop or other like failures. The conditions are not the same everywhere, consequently one price could not govern. Some rigs will not go out at all. The meeting was considerate in every way and gave due consideration to all parties interested.

J. W. MINNICK,
Pres. Pro-Tem.

PROPAGANDA TO DISCOURAGE
ARMY ENLISTMENT IS
CARRIED ON

DRAFTED MEN SHOWN HOW TO EVADE DUTY

United States Agents At Seattle Are
At Work Uncovering Plot Believed
To Be of German Origin—German
Machinery Planned To Seize British
Columbia.

Seattle, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—A United States agent uncovered a gigantic plot to break down the draft by engineering wholesale exemptions. This propaganda is believed of German origin, being mailed to all men summoned for physical examination urging and showing them how to evade service on the ground of conscientious objections.

No arrests were made but are expected shortly. District Attorney Allen declared Canadian authorities have information actually showing German machinery working before the war to make Alva von Alvensleben, arrested in Portland, governor of British Columbia.

This was to have been accomplished Allen declared, through the activities of Germans organized to obtain political control of the province.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS HE MAKES GAIN

London, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—General Haig reported new gains on the northwest and Belgian front. Extensive movements behind the German lines are believed to indicate the growing nervousness of the enemy as days pass without general resumption of the Flanders offensive.

Hospital Unit Notes

Maj. Graham received word today that the medical equipment for the Field Hospital Unit here had been shipped from San Francisco for Clackamas on August 7.

Gussie Lewin, who was operated on for appendicitis the other day, is improving.

Lt. Plamondon has ordered his uniform from Portland and is anxiously awaiting its arrival.

Sgt. Edwards who had his tonsils removed the other day is doing nicely.

Jay Conley, whose name was among the first twenty-two drafted, presented himself for examination this morning. However, he will undoubtedly be exempted on the ground that he already belongs to the Hospital Unit.

Lt. Plamondon acted as chauffeur last night under Lt. Moore.

Sgt. Roy Rice, Sgt. Ben Bassett and Private Fritz Lottes seem to be watching the incoming quite regularly. I wonder what they expect to see.

Roy Currey is contemplating taking some lessons in swimming before they will have to go to France. Ben Bassett thinks he won't need to show off his abilities along that line, as he says he believes he could wade ashore from most any place in the torpedoes by a submarine.

INDIANS NOT WANTED ON THE BATTLEFRONT

Washington, Aug. 9.—(United Press)—It is unlikely blanket Indians from reservations will be drafted. Officials believe the original Americans will be of little use on the modern battle front. Many Americanized Indians are now enlisted.