

LEGION ACTIVITIES.

Big Drive for Legion Recruits Starts September 15.

The week of September 15th to 20th has been designated as the time for the big membership drive of the American Legion, and it is hoped to enroll a membership of over a million ex-service men at that time. The drive starts with a third of a million members enrolled.

Medford Post is going into this drive strong and expects to have every ex-service man in this district enrolled when the drive ends. At a meeting of the executive committee of Medford Post last evening it was decided to place a big streamer across main street announcing the and drive urging enrollment during the dates above mentioned. The membership committee will establish "Drive" headquarters at the Commercial club at which place membership cards can be secured and signed up.

Tuesday evening, September 16th, is the date of the next meeting of the Legion—and it is planned to make this meeting an event that no member can afford to miss. Many stunts in the way of entertainment are on the bill, including a mock trial, vaudeville stunts, and a "wienie and near beer feed."

The executive committee desires to announce that several communications of an anonymous character have been received by Legion officers conveying information pertaining to matters that it is desired the Legion take action on, but that no attention can be paid to such communications unless signed by the writer.—Tribune, Sept. 8.

Oregon Blue Book.

The Oregon Blue Book, edited and published under the supervision of the Secretary of State, is off the press and we have received a copy of the publication.

It contains over two hundred pages of information for the tax payers and voters of Oregon. Every department of the state government is given space with the names of the men at the head of the department, etc.

In the book are the names of every public official, including national, state, county and municipal. These books are sent free to any voter in the state upon application for same to the office of the Secretary of State.

Salem—Prison warden's report shows that the state will harvest about 400 tons of flax from 403 acres. Warden Stiner opposes using convicts in the flax industry.

BATTLE SIGHT.

Each season we watch some new star climb,
And we gaze till our eyes are dim,
Forgetting the law, which is old as time,
That another comes after him.
There is always a mark at which to shoot,
There is always a road to fame,
For after the player has long been mute
Still there remains the game, buddy,
Still there remains the game.—American Legion.

Communication.

September 9, 1919.
To the Editor:
For your information, I quote here-with a ruling just issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue concerning labels required upon completely denatured alcohol.

"In view of the grave and extended abuses of the use of Completely Denatured Alcohol reported, it is deemed necessary to print upon the labels affixed to wholesale and retail packages a further and more specific warning as to its use than is shown on the present required label.

In addition to the present matter on the labels there will be required on all new labels hereafter, the printing in large letters in red ink under the skull and bones symbol, the word: POISON, and at the bottom of the label there will be printed the following statement:

Completely Denatured Alcohol is a violent poison. It cannot be applied externally to human or animal tissue without seriously injurious results. It cannot be taken internally without inducing blindness and general physical decay, ultimately resulting in death.

Until the present stocks of labels are exhausted this additional matter may be affixed to the containers on a separate label pasted above the present required label.

Respectfully,
Milton A. Miller,
Collector.

Questions for Congress.

The joint National Executive Committee of the American Legion has instructed its legislative committee to proceed with the utmost vigor in pressing upon congress legislation supporting the resolutions adopted by the St. Lewis Caucus through which the organization first expressed itself on certain matters of national concern. What is Congress going to do about ridding the country of alien slackers, many of whom hold lucrative positions? What about lands for those formerly in service who want to become farmers? What about the investigation of alleged

Ten Years Ago.

From The Jacksonville Post of September 11, 1909.

Jackson county is gaining quite a record, enviable or otherwise, for the number of divorce cases in the circuit court.

The 18th annual reunion of the Old Soldiers and Sailors will be held in this city, commencing Monday, Sept. 13, and continuing during the entire week. The camp will be pitched in Ulrich's grove in the southern part of the city, one of the most beautiful groves in southern Oregon, supplied with splendid shade trees and excellent water.

The necktie party that was held the 3rd passed off nicely, a large crowd and fine supper was had.—Bancom Reports.

Bro. Putman devotes considerable space in Tuesday's Tribune to prove that the Oregonian has at last discovered Rogue River valley and its fruit growing possibilities.

Dr. T. W. Hester, J. Percy Wells and Miss Flora Thompson participated in a tennis tournament at Grants Pass Tuesday.

A force of men are at work excavating tunnels at the city well. Frank Roundtree is in charge of it.

What about the investigation of alleged cruelties to enlisted men abroad? What about an equal basis among all classes of soldiers for retirement pay for disability incurred during the war? What about a revision of War Risk Insurance providing a method of payment in keeping with the wishes of those affected by war risk insurance? These and other demands of the Legion's members were made with the best interests of the country first in mind. They are reasonable. It is appropriate that something be done about them. It is expected that they shall have been passed upon prior to the Legion's Minneapolis Convention in November so that the course may be clear for any additional suggestions the united men-who-were-in-service may have to present.—American Legion.

Oregon City will vote on \$35,000 school bonds.

CARTER TAKEN TO LOS ANGELES.

Reputed Bad Man Taken to Scene of Former Crime to Stand Trial.

F. C. Beaumont of Los Angeles left this week with W. E. Carter, the alleged bad man, auto thief, burglar and would be jail breaker.

County attorney Roberts decided that Carter would receive more punishment on the California charge than on the one of robbing the Medford service station, and agreed to permit the California authorities to take charge of the prosecution.

Carter was arrested in Roseburg a short time ago, and brought back here to answer to the burglary. While lodged in the county jail here he made several attempts at a get-away, but always miscalculated the ability of the sheriff's force.

While only a young man, Carter claims to have spent many years behind bars, and is considered one of the slickest crooks ever seen in this county.

We Need A County Library.

Forty-five years ago there were a few so called public libraries in the larger cities of the United States. They kept their books under lock and key and loaned them one or two at a time to borrowers who could bring convincing proof of their reliability. Small towns were unable to support public libraries and, in general, books were looked upon as a necessity only by the scholar. The average man regarded them as a desirable luxury, but a luxury none the less.

Today there are public libraries throughout our country. Andrew Carnegie's gifts stimulated the growing public interest in their service to the community and now no town feels that it is really up to date unless it maintains its own free public library. Books have become a necessity to us and the libraries, realizing this, have made the way easy. Their books are no longer under lock and key but ranged along the wall where anyone may use them. Borrowers may take home as many books as they like and, the formalities connected with book borrowing have been put to a minimum. The public library strives to supply its patrons with the best books available for both their work and their pleasure. In no other country on earth are books so accessible to the people and in no other country are so many intelligent readers to be found.

In spite of this there are many of our people that are still shut off from books. They are the country people who live so far from a town library that they cannot conveniently borrow books from it. Because they are cut off from many other of the pleasures that belong to town life, their need for books is even greater than that of the townspeople.

The libraries have tried to meet this need. State libraries send out collections of books to rural homes upon request. Town libraries extend their privileges to country residents who live near enough to use them. But this is not enough. The country resident must have a librarian that will take an active and personal interest in his particular needs; that will send him books by parcel post and pay the postage on them; that will make books as accessible to him as the small public library has made them to the townspeople.

The agency which will meet this need is the County Library, supported by a county tax and pledged under the law to serve all the people of the county.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Halfway—Road building progressing rapidly.

Sept. 8—Marshfield—Mountain States Power Company to supply 40 h. p. for the operation of refrigerating machine for Ice & Cold Storage Company. Negotiations are under way for electric veneer plant recently completed and new sawmill at Marshfield.

Dallas gets a large wholesale grocery warehouse.

Portland plumbers raise wages from \$8 to \$9 per day.

TELEPHONE RATES INVESTIGATED BY STATE COMMISSION

Subscribers Protest Vigorously Against Toll.

Jacksonville Users Turn Out En Masse. Medford, Rogue River, Applegate Represented.

Monday, the day set by the Public Service Commission for a hearing on and investigation of the new rates and toll charges put into effect by the Home Telephone company of Southern Oregon, on August 1st, saw almost every subscriber to the service in this city enroute to Medford where the hearing was scheduled to begin at ten o'clock A. M.

The place for the hearing had been fixed in the order of the commission at the city hall, but when the hour arrived it was found that the hall would not accommodate more than half of those present, so an adjournment was taken to the court room in the Federal building where the hearing began at about 10:10. Mr. Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the commission presiding.

City attorney Mears appeared for Medford, County attorney Roberts represented Jackson county, H. K. Hanna and D. W. Bagshaw representing this City and C. M. Thomas appearing for both Medford and Jacksonville.

Col. H. H. Sargent of this city was the first witness on the stand, and stated that he had purchased property and moved to this city with the understanding that the Jacksonville phone users had the privilege of the Medford exchange. He also stated that toll charges on his use of the phone would amount to between \$8 and \$10 a month. Gus Newbury, representing the telephone company attempted a cross examination with disastrous results.

A. J. Vance, marazer of the telephone company, presented a statement showing the condition of the company, but the statement was not verified at the time by any qualified person.

Next appeared W. H. Johnston, Lewis Ulrich, Miss Lulu Williams and F. L. TouVelle of his city all stating that the principal use of the phones in this city was to talk to subscribers in Medford, that the toll charges were excessive and uncalled for and that if the toll was sustained the majority of people in Jacksonville would have their phones removed, thus reducing the revenue from this exchange. Attorneys for Jacksonville stated that they had on hand about thirty more witnesses to

give evidence to the same statements, but they were not called as the attorney for the company conceded them.

Two parties, H. H. Taylor and W. McDaniels of the Applegate valley, were in attendance to represent the farmer lines in that valley. They both stated that each 'phone on the farmer's lines were paying \$8.40 a year for the privilege of switching on the Jacksonville exchange, and that the company is now asking for an increase amounting to fifty per cent. This increase is in addition to the toll charged for use of the line between this city and Medford. One man from Gold Hill and one from Evans creek were in attendance representing the farmer's lines in that region.

At the hearing it developed that the company had not filed a detailed account of the proposed changes in the charges as required by state law, but had simply sent the commission a notice of such change.

Attorney Thomas presented evidence showing that when the company asked the Postoffice Department for a raise in rates they claimed that their property was worth about \$465,000, while County Assessor J. B. Coleman stated while on the witness stand that the assessed valuation was only \$69,000. The company claimed property in this city to be valued at \$800, while the assessed valuation is only about \$1300. One thing very noticeable at the hearing was the evident ignorance on the part of the company: which brought forth scorn after scorn from the attorneys for the people, and rebuke after rebuke from the commission. The commission stated that they did not intend to let the matter drop but would investigate it thoroughly after the investigation had ended.

Several Medford residents were placed on the stand and testified as to the increase in rates and toll charges.

At the investigation the information was produced that the controlling interest in the company is owned by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

A. H. Gammons of this city testified that the increase in this city was in excess of fourteen hundred per cent.

Glenbrook, west of Monroe, to have 125,000 feet per day sawmill with logging road of standard gauge into timber on the Aslea river.

Forestry service has sold 350,000,000 ft. timber at Dee to Oregon Lumber Co.

Portland steel ship workers ask wage raise of 8 cts. an hour.

Albany starts campaign of street paving.

Work on highway between Pendleton and state line being rushed.

Roseburg planning to own and operate city water and light system.

Albany—Red Crown Mills enlarging plant. Now receiving 9000 bu. wheat daily.

Freewater—30-acre dairy farm sells for \$1000 per acre.

Benton county to ship 35,000 boxes apples soon.

Banks—Utah Construction Co. building railroad through here to Vernonia timber.

Roseburg—One carload dried logan berries brings \$43,000.

Residents of Wallowa and farmers of vicinity planning reservoir on Bear Creek.

Oregon bullion receipts at mint show decrease of \$221,000 in gold and 5443 oz. silver.

Telephone service is slowly being restored to efficiency standards prevailing before government undertook operating the wires.

Standfield—City water system voted, work to start soon.

Helix lets \$18,742.20 contract for paving eight blocks.

Albany—Canning plant to begin operations immediately.

Hard surface on Albany-Jefferson road to be laid.

Stanfield will erect \$3500 school building.

Contract let for Rieth to Echo section of Eastern Oregon highway.

John Day—Canyon Creek to be bridged here.

Bank of Echo to erect home to meet demands of business.

Narrows—Oil and gas struck in Harney valley.

Cos Bay section reports great industrial activity.

Cherry crop of The Dalles and vicinity 1000 tons, bring \$196,665.

Yoncola high school bonds assured.

The national editorial association advocated teaching the printing trade in high schools. The students would at least learn the English language.

St. Helens—Work rushed on \$9900 contract for street paving.

Astoria—\$150,000 apartment house going up.

Corvallis—Work on two-story store building to commence at once.

Portland building permits for August \$982,220. August 1918, \$642,365.

Oregon rural mail carriers will buy household necessities on a co-operative plan and reduce the high cost of living twenty-five per cent.

North Bond lumber production handicapped by car shortage.

Oregon City wild black berry harvest large at 8 cts. a pound.

Portland starting campaign for \$250,000 hospital building.

State and local aid will build highway from Redmond to Bend, \$235,000.

Portland—New paper company builds \$20,000 warehouse.

Astoria's Central Labor Council took a stand for decency when it declined to sanction the further spread of the bolshevik doctrines by its official organ.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

TABLETS, PENCILS, INK, etc

We Have Them

Lewis Ulrich

General Merchandise

Jacksonville - - Oregon