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BOARD WORKS AT CLASSIFICATION

2646 QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO DRAFT REGISTRANTS. ONLY FEW CLASSIFIED

MANY BLANKS ARE RETURNED

Board Pleads for Aid in Great Amount of Work. "Don't Ask So Many Questions"

The local exemption board this morning sent the last series of 2646 questionnaires to draft registrants in Clackamas county. Seven days are allowed for filling out and returning the blanks and those who have not filed their statements with the board are subject to immediate certification in class 1-A, for immediate military service.

The board has been working night and day in preparing the questionnaires and in receiving and filing those returned by registrants. Meetings have been held during the evening hours to give the board time to classify the questionnaires as they are returned, but because of the holiday rush of work and the idle days the board is far behind with its tasks. Classification will resume when the board gets back from a meeting with the district board at Portland. Up to yesterday 67 of the total number had been classified, with the result that 16 young men, were put in class 1-A, as subject to answer the first call for soldiers. It is believed that the proportion of one-third will maintain as to class 1-A, throughout the list. Those whose questionnaires are not returned, or whose addresses are unknown and will be put in that class and may swell the total considerably. It is estimated that there will be approximately 800 men in class 1-A when all questionnaires have been returned and filed.

Those classified by the local board at its first meeting, 38 in all, include 12 in the first class. At the second meeting 4 out of 29 were put in the first class. The registrants classified already are:

Paul Plath, Oregon City; Oscar Crawford, Estacada; Hjalmer J. Erickson, Barlow; William Charles Maskell, Aurora; Walter Carlton Moore, Oregon City; John Joseph Tracy, Seattle; Rex Vaughan Stubbs, Molalla; Thure Larson, Oregon City; Waukie; Albert Dave Bauer, Colton; Earl Herbert Sheppard, Oregon City; Ernest Joose, Willamette; Roscoe Chamberlain Demp, Estacada; Carl Rudolph Lemp, Parkplace; Constantinos Vasilin, Oregon City; Robert Edgar M. Henderson, West Linn; David Elmer Fosberg, Boring; Charles Edward Larson, Bull Run; Charles Wieland, Oregon City; John David Closser, Estacada; Bruce Ruminski, Oregon City; Jonas T. Peterson, Colton; August Gust Heller, Boring; Dudley Henderson, Oregon City; Melvin Bernhard Hult, Colton; Joseph Walker Garner, Oregon City; Sol Elven Cox, Oregon City; Benjamin R. Wolfer, Aurora; Raynel Thomas Landes, Clackamas; Robert A. Delk, Portland; Herbert Leonard Thomas, Oregon City; Rolf Lawrence Sandstrom, Portland; Aime Beaudoin, Oregon City; John Valentin Gawlita, Oregon City; George A. Odell, Bull Run; Louis Napoleon Vallen, Colton; Otto Ficken, Sherwood; George Cyrus Mitts, Canby; Clarence L. Chandler, Milwaukie; Lester W. Hugert, Oregon City; Wilson Edd Test, Eagle Creek; Robert J. Matoon, Oregon City; Jacob Karl Kraft, Canby; William H. Thompson, Milwaukie; Alva C. Hughes, Oregon City; Gustive M. Landeen, Oregon City; Frank Dury, Molalla; Marvin H. Herbaugh, Aurora; Josiah W. Rodgers, Oregon City; Fred Yeomans, Molalla; John J. Miller, Oregon City; Heppell R. Shipley, Oswego; Phillip L. Young, Oregon City; Chester Erwin Carothers, Oregon City; Ernest Douglas, Barton; Hector R. Morrison, Oswego; Albert

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PAPER MILLS RAISE PAY OF ALL LOCAL EMPLOYEES

The Crown-Willamette and Hawley mill managements last week joined in a statement by which a minimum wage of \$3.10 a day is established for paper mill workers in Oregon City, which is an increase of approximately 20 cents a day over the former minimum wage. The new scale takes effect on January 1. A statement to the employees says:

"Now that the Hawley Pulp & Paper company mills here and the West Linn mills of the Crown-Willamette Paper company are in full operation and all evidence of the recent strike obliterated, the cost of living, however, staying about the same, the local managements have today given notice that commencing January 1, 1918, the minimum wage, until further notice, shall be \$3.10 a day, which is equal or better than the best common wages in these parts, and much better than in other paper making districts."

CUPID OUTDISTANCES LOCAL DIVORCE EVIL

RECORDS OF PAST YEARS BROKEN IN MERRY CONTEST. 269 LICENSES ISSUED

Because of the war, or shall we say, in spite of it, Clackamas county has sent two more records tumbling into oblivion by the accomplishments of the past year. Incidentally one of the finest little races ever staged between our old friend, D. Cupid, and our enemy, Divorce Evil, was brought to an end with the dawning of the new year.

A consultation of records in County Clerk Harrington's office reveals the surprising equality of the two participants in this odd race, for D. Cupid came out at midnight, December 31, 1917, with a record of 269 marriage licenses issued since the first day of the year. And no sooner had he crossed the goal lines a winner than Divorce Evil, panting from the exertion of keeping pace with wartime marriages, arrived at the threshold of 1918 with 268 divorce cases to his credit.

Taken in a purely mercenary manner, the divorces have been far more profitable to the county than have the marriages, although, no doubt, we must consider it in the form of tainted money. At \$5 a case, which is the customary filing fee, the divorce cases filed in 1917 brought to the county \$1340. And those \$5 bills and gold pieces came from all corners of the earth. Oregon City is the best little competitor Reno, Nev., ever had as a divorce market and in consequence many strangers have been attracted to our hamlet. In 1916 just 237 divorce cases were filed, so that the record for 1917 is better by 81 cases.

At \$3 each the marriage licenses issued during 1917 brought \$907 in the county. And the past year has seen 59 more couples married on Clackamas county licenses than were married in 1916, when 210 licenses were issued. The fact that divorce cases exceed marriage licenses is accounted for by the fact that marriages are purely local social affairs, while the divorce cases brought here come from other cities, other states and other countries.

MILK JOINS OLD BOSSY AND JUMPS TO THE SKY

We have heard the old story of the cow that jumped over the moon, but it took the dairymen operating in Oregon City to send Bossy's product—milk—into the skies. At a meeting of dairymen and distributors here last week it was voted to charge the consumer \$3.50 a month per quart and that price went into effect on January 1, marking an advance of from 50 to 75 cents over prices of the past. Heretofore milk has sold to the consumer at \$3.00 a month per quart with a discount of 25 cents if paid in advance. From now on the price of \$3.50 prevails.

Distributors blame the necessity for the advance upon the increased costs of feed for dairy animals. The dairymen have been selling to the distributor at \$2.20 a hundred pounds for milk, a price which is said to have long ago been increased elsewhere. Now the dairyman will get \$3.00 for each hundred pounds of the fluid. J. D. Mickie, state dairy and food commissioner, approved the increase, it is said, as did Judge Grant B. Dimick, Dr. M. C. Strickland and Frank Busch, members of a commission appointed by Mayor E. C. Hackett to investigate the necessity of an increase. Mr. Mickie pointed out the prices elsewhere and said that with the rise here the price would not be as high as that charged in Portland. It was pointed out that dairymen can sell their milk to condensaries for as much as the new price will bring them.

CASE AGAINST UNION MAN DISMISSED BY RECORDER

The charge against J. E. Brenner, a striker, was dismissed by City Recorder Loder Monday afternoon after a hearing brought about by the arrest of Brenner for disturbing the peace. It was charged that Brenner called M. Fox, a paper mill worker, a "scab." Chief of Police Henry Cooke immediately arrested Brenner and his trial followed. He told the court that he intended his remark to have an offensive meaning.

Recorder Loder notified Brenner and all union men that he considered the term "scab" a violation of the rules of law and order, and announced that he would have to deal severely with anyone brought before him on a similar charge. Attorney Christian Schuebel, representing Brenner, charged the court with using unfair tactics in the examination of Brenner, and threatened to appeal if a conviction resulted on the charge.

Believe Brooks Insane Authorities believe that Joseph Brooks, who was arrested Tuesday, and who is now in the county jail, is mentally unbalanced. Brooks was arrested following a call from the Pete's mountain country, where he is said to have threatened to take the life of Mrs. W. H. D'Hondt.

MAYOR READS AN ANNUAL MESSAGE

ADVOCATES IMPROVEMENT IN CITY GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS FOR YEAR

WANTS CITY PAVING PLANT

Care in Expenditure Urged. Water Board Report Shows Good Net Profit for 1917

That Oregon City, through the city council, has lived within its means and enters upon the work of 1918 with a balance of \$1192.43, is the interesting news contained in the annual message of Mayor E. C. Hackett, read before a meeting of aldermen on Wednesday evening.

In the annual statement to the council the mayor reiterated the advisability of the establishment of a municipal paving plant; asked that unusual care be exercised in the expenditure of city money; suggested great care in the operation of Mountain View cemetery; brought out the need of new and complete traffic regulations and asked that some measure be provided to assist the police force in keeping order and for the protection of the public.

No important committee changes were ordered by the mayor and all city officers were reappointed, including City Engineer C. A. Miller and Street Commissioner Charles Babcock. The appointments of Henry Cooke as chief of police and F. C. Burke and Ed Surfus as night patrolmen were made permanent by executive appointment. Committee appointments were:

Finance—H. M. Templeton, J. J. Tobin, George Ely.
Fire and water—Fred Metzner, L. C. Bridges, A. B. Buckles.
Streets and public property—E. D. VanAuken, A. B. Buckles, George Ely.
Health and police—H. M. Templeton, E. L. Moore, I. C. Bridges.
Cemetery—Fred Metzner, J. J. Tobin, C. W. Frederich.
In his message Mayor Hackett said:

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MILL MANAGERS PUT BAN ON LABOR UNION

EMPLOYEES SIGN PLEDGE TO TAKE NO PART IN ORGANIZATION OR MEMBERSHIP

There will be no more labor unionism in the local paper mills, which have been handicapped somewhat during the past two months by strike conditions. This is the edict of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company and the Crown-Willamette Paper company. Yesterday the two mill companies issued to their men employment contracts and thereon demanded that each man in their employ pledge himself to refrain from activity in connection with labor organization, either by present or future membership.

It is reported that in both mill plants the contracts were heavily signed. It is known that the Hawley company employees to the number of close to 500 have agreed not to recognize any present affiliation they may have with labor organizations and not to take part in any future organization. The employers announce this action together with a statement that their plants have been practically restored to normal conditions as to labor and output.

The penalty for uniting with labor unions in the future will be the execution of the demands of the pledge signed by each man. By his pledge he agrees to voluntarily resign from the employment of the company if he joins or takes part in the work of a labor union. The pledge each man is asked to sign reads:

"I am employed by and work for the Crown-Willamette Paper company with the expressed understanding that I am not a member of any labor union, and will not become so while an employe of the Crown-Willamette Paper company, that the Crown-Willamette Paper company is non-union and agrees with me that it will run non-union while I am in its employ. If at any time I am employed by the Crown-Willamette Paper company I want to become connected with any labor union or any affiliated organization. I agree to withdraw from the employment of said company, and agree that while in the employ of that company I will not make any efforts amongst its employes to bring about the unionizing of that company against the company's wish. I have either read the above or heard the same read."

The Hawley and Crown-Willamette company pledges are identical with the exception of the firm name. They are each to be signed by the employe and one witness.

CRIDGE TELLS ABOUT CITY MANAGER PLAN

WOULD HAVE ELECTION BY EFFECTIVE BALLOT SYSTEM. OFFERS SERVICES

(Alfred D. Cridge)

Oregon City is talking about a new charter with commission form of government.

The manager form is all right. The best form of the managerial plan is that of Ashabula, Ohio. The council of seven elects a manager. It has proved satisfactory there. The council of seven is elected by the effective ballot without any primary.

That is the most advanced form of municipal government known. Three in any governing and legislative body is too small a number. Two get together and put one man in a hole. No motion can be seconded except those already agreed upon to go through. Five is too few, but better than three. Seven is capable of better action in a town of 10,000 or more. Nine to 15 is adapted to large cities with many interests.

The effective ballot is what is needed as much as the manager system to break up rings, combine party superstitions, and to produce honest efficiency and to keep it on the job.

It is simplicity itself for the voter. He marks on his ballot the figure 1 opposite his first choice among all the candidates. He marks two opposite the name of his second choice, and three opposite his third choice. The ballot is counted for one of those choices. It is effective in assisting to elect in from 92 to 99 times out of 100.

If the ballot as cast by the individual voter is not needed to assure the election of his first choice then it is counted for his second choice. If not needed for that choice it is perhaps available for the third choice and made effective in assisting to elect him. In Tasmania, where the most perfect system of effective voting is in operation, the voter can indicate his choices, if he choose, until there are no more candidates to mark. This enables him to cast the full power of his ballot for the first choice and also against the candidate that in his opinion is the worst of the lot.

The number of votes to elect a candidate is decided by the number of seats to be filled. The total number of votes is divided by one more than the number of vacant seats and to this is added one, making an "elective quota."

This elective quota assures minorities and majorities their just share. It secures, local, party, race, religious or other divisions of the community, as may come up from time to time, representation whenever and to the extent to which its importance may appeal to the understanding of the people.

I have some information on the workings of the effective ballot, and if the people of Oregon City, or any group of them wish to hear about it in detail I would be pleased to make arrangements for a hearing. My services are free.

While there are but two cities in the United States with the effective ballot, there will certainly be more.

CHAUTAQUA TO BE HELD IN SPITE OF CONDITIONS

All fear that there would be no assembly under the auspices of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association at Gladstone next year was dispelled at a meeting of the stockholders of the association at the Commercial club Friday. They have decided that the Chautauqua shall be held and that every effort will be made to improve its quality over past years. A letter from President Wilson to the National Chautauqua association urging that the work of such a nature continue regardless of the war had something to do with the decision of stockholders.

Greater conveniences for Chautauqua visitors were discussed at the meeting, such as a new walk system, better water and better automobile parking provisions, as well as the removal of the old auditorium building. Such plans were left in the hands of the new board of directors. C. H. Dye was re-elected president of the association and Secretary Thomas A. Burke and Treasurer E. G. Caulfield were continued in office. G. A. Harding was elected as vice president.

The board of directors elected for the year includes George A. Harding, H. E. Cross, C. H. Dye, W. A. Huntley, Fred Olmstead, George Armstrong, E. G. Caulfield, John Loder, Emma M. Spooner, E. L. Pope, Mary S. Howard, Helen D. Manley, C. Schuebel and R. L. Holman. Committees to carry on the work of association for the coming year were appointed by President C. H. Dye.

Application for Citizenship Filed Arthur Spencer Bailey, a resident of Oregon since 1891, the year he came to America, has applied for final certificate of citizenship. Mr. Bailey is 50 years old and would forswear allegiance to Great Britain.

O. & C. LAND FUND IS DISTRIBUTED

COURT DIVIDES MONEY AMONG ROAD DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL TREASURIES

LEVY IS PLACED AT .18 MILLS

Money Will be Considered as Cash on Hand in School Funds. Levy is Reduction

Clackamas county taxpayers owe a vote of thanks to all who were concerned in bringing to its proper treasury the delinquent tax money from the Oregon-California land grant. By the distribution to several funds of that money Clackamas county's tax levy for 1918 has been reduced by half a mill over the total levy for 1917. The 1918 levy is divided as follows:

General county fund.....0048
Schools and libraries.....0027
State tax.....0035
County roads.....007

Total.....018

Aside from the levy for road funds the present levy is practically the same as that of last year. This year the road levy is a whole mill less than in 1917.

Delinquent O. & C. land grant tax money for the three years beginning with 1913 and ending with 1915, totaling \$109,254.89, was distributed by order of the county court on Friday to the several road districts which have funds coming and to the school fund treasuries. The greatest part of the fund, or \$22,339.07, goes to the county's special road fund; the county school fund gets \$20,349.90. Other funds among which the delinquent tax money was divided are: General county fund, \$18,439.43; general road fund, \$18,339.03; district road fund, \$6738.86; special high school fund, \$441.04.

The district road fund share of the tax money is divided principally as follows: Garfield, district 49, \$6111.76; Colton, district 21, \$4216.24; Wilhoit, district 28, \$2832.24; Cherryville, district 7, \$2168.07; Eagle Creek, district 41, \$1987.87; George, district 9, \$1386.63; Highland, district 56, \$1085.12; Districts 9, 19, 22, 33, 35, 45 and 55 divide the balance in sums of a few hundred dollars each.

The district apportionment was made by the court on the basis of the valuation of Oregon-California land in each. County funds will be considered as cash on hand, as is the special high school fund. The general road fund's share will be used by the court to retire outstanding warrants.

GREAT LIQUOR HAUL PAYS FOR VIGILANCE

COUNTY GETS \$400 AND 72 QUARTS IN NEW YEAR ARREST AT CANBY

Seventy-two quarts of assorted liquors, and the man who guarded the rich stock on his trip from California to Oregon, was the net result of the New Year's day work for Sheriff W. J. Wilson and his force. Tuesday evening Sheriff Wilson was at Canby, just to see what he could see, and he watched the unloading of two "steamer" trunks and four suitcases.

When the owner appeared with his baggage checks for the shipment the sheriff took charge of the business. The man gave his name as Brown, and later changed it to Fisher, but both of these, the sheriff says, are fictitious. The details of the affair were learned Wednesday and the authorities are resting content with having captured what is believed to be one of the largest shipments of intoxicants received in the county since the state went dry.

As Tom Brown the bootlegger, was hailed into Justice of the Peace John N. Sievers' court yesterday. He pleaded guilty but said he could not pay a fine. The judge assessed him \$400 and within a short time a woman giving the name of Mrs. Tom Brown, but claiming no kinship, came from Portland and paid the fine in greenbacks. She is said to be the brains of a gang of bootleggers in Portland and Brown is thought to be in violation of several tools she uses in violating the prohibition laws of the state.

Some months ago bootleggers received a large shipment at Canby and made their escape in automobiles. Thinking that it was about time for the same group to reappear, the sheriff and Deputy Richard Garrett watched all trains on New Year's eve. Tuesday night they resumed their watch and were rewarded.

The best newspaper in Clackamas county—The Courier—offers a year's subscription to The Courier and the Oregon Farmer for \$1.00.

ODD TALE REVEALED AT DEATH OF CHILD

POVERTY-STRIKEN CHILD IS THE MOTHER OF BABY. MAY BE AN INVESTIGATION

A rare human interest story has been revealed by Acting Coroner John N. Sievers and Dr. O. A. Welsh, county health officer, who Sunday visited the poverty-stricken home of William Taylor, a lumber mill worker, in the vicinity of Mulino.

It was at the home of Taylor that the infant daughter of a 14-year-old girl died last week under highly peculiar conditions that may result in an investigation conducted by the office of the district attorney. The matter is now out of the hands of the coroner and any further action must come from other sources.

Neighbors about the Taylor home reported to the officials that a babe had been born in the shack occupied by Taylor and his seven children, the oldest of which is the mother of the dead child. She is 14. That the baby died from absolute neglect and ignorance on the part of the mother is the report brought to Oregon City. The officers who visited the home found conditions of abject poverty. They found the 14-year-old mother and heard from her that she had been married at sea off Columbia river bar at the age of 13 years, to Ralph William Taylor, a name whose similarity to that of the man said to be the dead child's grandparent, is an unexplained coincidence. The husband is also said to have been a saw-mill hand.

The mother says that her husband deserted her soon after their marriage and she, with the six other children and their father, moved to Mulino from Alsea two months ago. They are domiciled in a slovenly little hovel and are said to be denied any of the comforts of life. The baby was born soon after the mother arrived in this county, it is said. No record of a marriage could be produced by the child-mother, and she did not know who had performed the marriage ceremony. The whereabouts of the Ralph William Taylor who the mother charges is the father of her child, is not known by the mother or her father, William Taylor. The father is said by the girl to be about 25 years old.

REGISTRANTS ARE ASKED NOT TO QUESTION BOARD

Classification of registrants for the draft in accordance with the answers to questionnaires sent out has been stopped temporarily. The local board today will attend a meeting of the district board at Portland to receive instructions on handling the many questions that arise. Following the meeting classification will be resumed.

In the meantime County Clerk Iva Harrington is besieged with questions. Scores of young men each day ask: "What class am I in?" The local board knows little more about that than the registrant himself and has asked respectfully that registrants cease questioning the board. Its members are working under a great strain brought about by the rush and the constant questioning is a great source of trouble. The board will advise all interested in the matter just as soon as possible about every detail of the classification. Until that is complete the request to leave the board to its labors should be very generally heeded if registrants care ever to find out their status.

REV. MR. CROCKER CALLED BY LOCAL CONGREGATION

The Rev. Herbert G. Crocker, formerly of Portland and recently of Newberg, has been called to the pastorate of the Oregon City Congregational church, according to the announcement last week of the trustees. The Rev. Mr. Crocker appeared in the local pulpit some time ago and returned on Sunday last to preach his first sermon as the regular pastor of the charge here.

For some time Mr. Crocker was pastor of the well-known Atkinson Memorial church at Portland and is well known throughout the valley for his clerical activities. Mr. Crocker will not bring his family to Oregon City until February, inasmuch as a move at this time would interfere with school work already started.

The Sunday school and choir of the local church rendered their annual Christmas concert at the church last Sunday evening and were assisted in the program by Flechtner's orchestra.

STAMP SALES LARGE
Clatsop county leads with total thrift stamp sales for the last week outside of Multnomah, with \$4505; Lane county is second with \$2880; other leaders are Marion \$2597; Jackson \$1663; Clackamas \$1577; Baker \$1430 and Josephine \$874. The total for the state is now \$149,540.17.

YUKON VILLAGE DESERTED QUICK

TOWN BOOMS AT BEDTIME AND IS ABSOLUTELY ABANDONED BY BREAK OF DAY

INDIAN MAKES BIG STRIKE

Somewhere in Alaska is Rich Mine That Starvation and Mosquitos Have Hidden Away

(M. J. Brown)

I am going to open this story by telling a story—one of the most unusual that ever came out of Alaska. It is an absolutely true tale, and I got it directly from the main actor in the silent drama—rather tragedy—as we sat on the bank of the Yukon one night, smoking and fighting mosquitos.

He was a watch repairer and kept a few clocks and a little jewelry in the little river town—a supply town for the mines back in the hills.

Spring was breaking, (the spring of last year), daylight had returned, the ice was going out and everybody was looking forward when the first boat would come in and new faces and new grub could be met.

"It was a bright, warm Sunday," said my friend, and then I wondered if the story would be as vexatious as the mosquitos.

(But he soon made me forget the insects.)

A friend hunted him up, he said, and told him it was his birthday and he proposed that a few of the A. B. (Alaskan Brotherhood) boys gather at a cabin and celebrate both the birthday and return of spring by seeing how much booze they could drink in a given length of time—a sort of capacity and endurance contest. As fast as a man went down they let him lie and the victor had the privilege, and distinction, of rubbing bacon grease over his face and then sprinkling on ashes.

I will cut the details short. My story teller said that at supper time he realized he would soon be among those "laid out," so he slipped out, staggered to his bachelor cabin and went to bed.

During the night there was an alarm at the outer door, and the men called on him to get up and come out. He answered he would in a few minutes and they went away. Then he went back to sleep. He had had all he wanted of that celebration crowd. He awoke at daylight. His head throbbed and his stomach was on a strike, so he rolled over and slept again.

At about noon he again awoke, washed and beat it for the nearest saloon for a cocktail. But the saloon was closed, the door locked and no one around.

"I couldn't make it out," said the man. "Certainly this was Monday and the saloons were never closed on this date. So then I went across to the store postoffice to find the reason for this strange condition. The postoffice was closed. There was not a man in sight."

"I looked up the street—not a living thing. I looked across to where a bunch of dogs had been tied for a month and they were gone. Then I thought I had it. A new strike had been reported and the whole town had stampeded."

"But on closer investigation I found the harnesses, sleds, packing outfits, etc., had not been taken, so it could not have been a rush. I must be crazy or dreaming."

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CITY LIFT WILL BE IDLE UNTIL RESERVOIRS FILL

The city water board has announced that the municipal hydraulic elevator probably would not be in operation before the end of the week. The South Fork pipe line has been completely repaired, but the large reservoirs which hold the supply of water for Oregon City and West Linn are not half full. They attain their capacity of 9,000,000 slowly because the water is constantly being used. To make certain of sufficient water for fire protection, no unnecessary water will be taken out of the reservoirs until they are full. Until the reservoirs are filled, water will be shut off at the mains every night and will be turned on again at an early hour in the morning.

MILL GETS BIG ORDER
Orders, said to call for more than 50,000 pieces, have been received by the Oregon City Manufacturing company from the war department. The order includes blankets and overcoats, although the company will not give information concerning it. It is said that the one order is sufficient to keep the plant going on government work alone for nearly two months. Relief from a shortage of labor is hoped for at once, so that all energies can be directed toward rushing the government work.