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Militia Expect Call In the Near Future

Orders for mobilization of the Coast Artillery, O. N. G., are not expected until after congress has settled the conscription bill now before that body, according to Colonel C. C. Tammond, who attended a meeting of the general staff in Portland recently, says the Eugene Register.

This seemed to be the general opinion of all members of the staff present, says Colonel Hammond.

The general staff has ordered that none but soldiers be admitted to the Portland armory, and commanders of the various units where there are located state armies were advised to take similar steps to protect the buildings and contents from cranks and enemies of the country, but in a small city like Ashland, where the armory is the center of social activities, it is not thought best to keep the building closed.

The local militia, which has been hampered to a great extent by the lack of equipment, will soon receive a consignment of supplies from Captain T. B. Harris of Eugene, quartermaster of the Coast Artillery Corps, who has just received a big shipment which he will distribute among the various companies of the corps at once.

Hyiu Hehe! They Are Here

Have you seen them? They are here and they sure are some pin. The official roundup pin arrived Saturday and they immediately sprang onto the coats and automobile radiators of countless roundup enthusiasts. The pins are finished in green and white and bear a picture of the celebrated Lee Caldwell riding a bucking broncho, which is claimed to be the best bucking horse picture that has ever been taken. Around the outer edge of the pin are printed the words "Ashland Rogue River Roundup" and the dates of the big show, July 3, 4 and 5, while underneath the picture appears the roundup slogan, "Let 'em buck." The pins are made in two sizes, one being about the size of a 50-cent piece and the other is an immense pin similar in size to the pins which were put out by the Hughes campaign committee in the latter days of the presidential campaign, which is six inches in diameter. The smaller pins sell for 10 cents each and the larger pins can be bought for 50 cents each at Hosler's, Greive's, White House grocery and numerous other stores.

Automobile Class Is Formed

Nine girls signed up in the Honor Guard automobile class which met at the armory building Saturday morning, under the supervision of Delmar Harmon. The class promises to be an interesting one, and many other girls are intending to join this department soon. Those who took up the work Saturday morning are the Misses Ringheim, Powers, Cornelius, Silver, Winter, Moore, Dunham and McCormick. The class will meet every Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Drill instruction and the other scheduled classes will meet in the armory tonight. The swimming classes will meet tomorrow night at Helman's swimming pools.

The swimming pools will be reserved for the girls of the Honor Guard only and no spectators will be allowed. On account of the continued coldness of the weather the baths will not be opened to the general public until a future date.

Subscriptions Due May 1st

One-half of the subscriptions made toward the 1917 celebration are due on May 1 and are payable to G. G. Eubanks, the treasurer of the committee. It is hoped that these subscriptions will be promptly paid, as it is necessary that money be now used for publicity purposes. If there is no money on hand to advertise the celebration it will materially reduce the number of people in Ashland on July 3, 4 and 5.

Committee Elected For Y. M. C. A. Work

At the invitation of State Secretary I. B. Rhodes of the Young Men's Christian Association, several Ashland men went to Medford last Tuesday to meet with a group of men from Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville and Grants Pass to discuss ways and means of supporting the work of the army Y. M. C. A. among the American troops that are rapidly being mobilized. The following committee was named to organize this work in Ashland: C. B. Lamkin, O. F. Carson, J. F. Patty, G. C. McAllister, G. R. Slingerland, Clark Bush and G. H. Billings. This committee have met and elected O. F. Carson permanent chairman and Clark Bush treasurer.

One-third of the older boys and young men of our state and nation will be under arms within a year. The safeguarding of the moral, physical and intellectual life of these men is quite as important as licking the Kaiser. The need and effectiveness of the Young Men's Christian Association in war time has been demonstrated in the camps along the Mexican border, and at no less than 2,500 points in the army and prison camps of Europe. The work is conducted with the authorization and hearty endorsement of the War Department. Commanding officers welcome the association and the appreciation shown by the crowded buildings and by their ready co-operation in the various activities.

Major-General John F. O'Ryan, commanding the New York division on the Mexican border, after seeing the army Y. M. C. A. work last year said: "If America goes to war, money can be turned over to the Young Men's Christian Association with every confidence that it will be expended scientifically and along lines most acceptable to soldiers."

Country Store Is Big Success

The Country Store closed on Saturday night after three days of very successful business, having taken in about \$150. Besides raising money for very good causes, the ladies feel that they have done some good in placing many useful articles, that have been lying idle, in homes where they will be put to practical use and enjoyed.

The Civic Club wishes to publicly thank those who so generously contributed to the success of the enterprise: Miss McCall and Mr. E. V. Carter for the use of the building; the city council for lights; Mr. Loveland and his Boys' Band for lively music; Mr. Sams for the "Plaza Blend" coffee served at the lunches; H. P. Holmes for dishes; C. H. Vaupel for shoes; Boot Shop, shoes; White House grocery, milk can fasteners; Mark Baker, baskets; H. L. Whited, papers; T. H. Simpson and Provost Bros., valuable articles; J. A. Kohagen, hats and papers; Mrs. Simon, hat; the three drug stores, East Side Pharmacy, McNair Bros. and Poley & Elhart, gave many valuable articles that sold well; the Ashland Tidings and Ashland Record for much publicity. The banner contributor was Mr. Ferguson of Ferguson Bros.' up-to-date "bargain store," who gave much good merchandise that went quickly. The club also wishes to thank all the good people of Ashland who contributed articles and bought at the store, and the country ladies who so kindly gave their services as clerks in the store.

Park Store Is Leased For Summer

The attractive little park store which is located near the entrance to the auto camp ground, and which proved very popular with picnickers and auto tourists last summer, has been leased by Mrs. Susie Allen to C. K. Crosno, a newcomer from Toledo, Oregon, who with his wife will take possession on May 1. Mr. Crosno has heretofore been in the grocery and abstract business. He is a brother of Mrs. Thayer, who purchased the Gash place on High street.

Portland's bonded debt limit has been passed, but will be within the limit May 1 when some is paid off.

Latest War News From State, Americas and Europe

Invite Joffre to Coast.
Governor William Stephens by telegraph Saturday urged the governors of the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and Montana to join with California in a movement to bring to the western states the representatives of the allied European countries who are now in Washington.

May Send Troops to Europe.
As a result of the conferences held with the British and French commissions in Washington the general keynote of their visit shows that it will be an absolute necessity to send American troops to Europe in the near future. These men have impressed upon President Wilson that if the war is to be brought to an early close their armies must be strengthened not only by food and munitions but by men. There is no desire either on the part of Great Britain or France to send green men to the front. They want this government to train large bodies of men as rapidly as possible and to dispatch them to England as soon as they are ready.

In the meantime Great Britain and France will be more prodigal in their expenditure of life knowing that at the proper time the United States will have at hand a sufficient force to take the place of those who have been killed. It was pointed out that the presence of an American army on European battlefields alone would be such a vital moral effect on the allies' armies as to be worth a great battle itself.

Draft Plan Passed By Both Houses

By overwhelming majorities both the senate and the house passed late Saturday night the administration bill to raise a war army by selective draft.

The final rollcalls brought into line behind the bill many senators and representatives who had fought for the volunteer system until routed by decisive defeat of volunteer amendments earlier in the day in both houses. The senate, which had voted down the volunteer plans 69 to 18, passed the bill by a vote of 81 to 8. In the house the vote against the volunteer plan was 313 to 109, and that by which the bill itself was passed was 397 to 24. As passed by the senate the measure provides for the draft of men between the ages of 21 to 27 years, while in the house the age limit was fixed at 21 to 40. This and lesser discrepancies will be threshed out in a conference early next week so that the bill may be in the hands of the president as quickly as possible. The war department has already completed plans for carrying it into effect.

Both senate and house adopted amendments just before the final rollcalls which would greatly increase the pay of enlisted men during the war. The house provision would make their pay \$30 a month, and that approved by the senate would fix it at \$29 a month. The present pay is \$15.

Auxiliary Ball At Natatorium

The May day ball will be given by the Auxiliary Club Friday evening, May 4, at the Nat. From the work of the different committees are doing there surely will be a good time. The feature committee are putting every effort forward to please the spectators. The dedicating committee are trying to outdo any committee before them. And those refreshments, homemade cakes, ice cream and coffee for 25 cents.

Senator Moser Postpones Visit

Senator Gus Moser, who was to speak at Ashland on next Wednesday evening on the \$6,000,000 road bond issue, sent word that it would be impossible to be here on that date, but that he would advise later as to when he will come.

The Barnes Fish Company is to operate a cannery at Gold Beach.

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Russia Causes Trouble.
Among the countless worldwide questions which are now confronting congress comes the rumor that Russia and Germany are about to make separate peace. This would probably mean that about a million and a half veteran fighting men would swing into the balance against the British and the French fronts, that Germany would be fed, supplied and equipped for endless war, and that the allied blockade to starve Germany out would have gone to naught.

In the Meantime
The allied armies still keep up their terrific plunging against the Germans and are fighting desperately, and as a result no tremendous gains or decisive battles have been fought in the past few days. The allies have launched the biggest force of men that have ever charged forward, and the greatest blast of artillery that the world has ever known recently and a terrific charge is in progress against the vandals' line.

Guatemala has broken relations with Germany and has offered the United States the use of her territorial waters, ports and railways for use in common defense, and other elements which may be advisable for the same purpose.

Offers To Raise Cowboy Cavalry

An offer to raise several troops of crack cavalry for the use of the government was made recently to Adjutant General White of the Oregon National Guard, at Portland, by Dell Blanchett of Pendleton, cowboy and roundup star.

He wrote General White that without a doubt he can organize a squadron of cavalry as good or even better than the Rough Riders of Spanish war fame, led by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Blanchett is well known to people who have attended recent roundups at Pendleton, where he appeared in stellar roles, and is the man through whom the local roundup association recently made contracts for the well-known cowboy stars who will appear at the big roundup here next July.

Mr. Blanchett's offer to raise a cavalry squadron can not be accepted until it receives further consideration, and it is rumored that the matter will be put off until renowned cowboys from all over the west gather at the local roundup, where it would be a simple matter to form the company, as all the cowboys would be gathered together.

Elihu Root Heads Council to Russia

America's commission to the new democratic government of Russia will be headed by Elihu Root, secretary of war under President McKinley, secretary of state under Roosevelt and for six years a New York senator. He called on the President last Thursday to accept the task and hear of the president's plans for offering unstinted aid to the provisional authorities at Petrograd in their task of carrying on the war with Germany, setting up a permanent government and rehabilitating their country.

Only acceptance by other men selected for places on the commission are awaited before formal announcement of their names and details of their mission are made public. The president is anxious that they leave for Petrograd as promptly as possible, since the trip will require several weeks. The route to be followed will be kept secret for safety's sake. Word of the commission's coming already has been conveyed to the Russian government and it has been indicated in response that it will be warmly welcomed.

The commission will go to Russia in the spirit of helpfulness and will not offer unasked advice.

Crystalizing Sanitarium Plans

Friday, Mark Daniels of San Francisco met with the committee recently appointed by the council and Commercial Club for the purpose and discussed tentatively plans for a water cure sanitarium and new tourist hotel. In answering a question from one of the committee as to how much the investment should contemplate, he said: "The sanitarium and hotel should be built separately, but should be close enough together so that patients could walk easily from the hotel to the baths. The sanitarium proper should contemplate an investment of some sixty thousand dollars and the hotel about ninety to one hundred thousand." He said the investors would expect the city to furnish sites for each of these structures and contract to furnish the water for sanitarium purposes for a long period.

Mr. Daniels came here at the instance of Mr. McCormick and Mr. Greer to help work out a feasible plan whereby capital could be induced to make such an investment. Mr. Daniels will supply the local committee with sketches of plans for the structures, probably within the next thirty days. The matter thus crystalized will be ready to put up to investors in an intelligent shape. Mr. Daniels is in touch with capital that looks favorably upon such an investment.

The party visiting Ashland Friday and Saturday was composed of E. O. McCormick, general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific; John M. Scott, general passenger agent for Oregon; General Freight Agent Hinchshaw and Mr. Daniels. Mr. Scott and Mr. Hinchshaw returned to Portland Saturday evening and Mr. McCormick and Mr. Daniels went south in Mr. McCormick's private car on No. 15 Saturday night at 11 o'clock.

More Lots Wanted For Gardening

If you have a vacant lot that is not working, or if you know of someone who has, please let it be known at once. Interest is growing intense in the local campaign for increasing the food supply by encouraging the planting of vacant town lots as well as suburban property suitable. The schoolboys are evincing a keen interest and already quite a number of them have secured a block of soil and are getting busy. But many more are interested and want assignments of land to work. Quick action must be taken to get the best results.

At the First National Bank, where money is being loaned to young people to purchase seeds, etc., without interest, it is stated that there appears to be more of the youth interested in the garden campaign than there is land offered for the same thus far. All who have lots or land they are willing to offer, that is suitable, are urged to telephone the bank, giving description of same, so it can be located readily.

A number of boys who have already completed their plans are going into special crops, beans being the favorite. Some of them are preparing to handle as much as an acre of land.

Auto Racing To Be Feature of Fair

Plans for a larger and better county fair than has ever been presented were started at a meeting of the stockholders of the Rogue River Fair Association held in Medford Tuesday evening. Realizing the need for new features and added improvements, the stockholders have decided to secure permanent grounds for the fair, and a plan was devised by which it can no doubt be accomplished. A mile automobile track suitable for first-class racing will be built, and automobile races will be the big features of the fair, according to plans laid at the last meeting of the stockholders.

Polk and Marion counties are again going to get plans for a bridge at Salem. The old bridge is closed and the delay in building for three years has cost thousands of dollars in advanced material prices.

Red Cross Needs More Members

The local Red Cross corps now numbers 164 members and the members are making all efforts possible to have 200 members by the end of this week. Those who have joined in the past week are: Mrs. G. A. Briscoe, Miss Marie Andrews, Mrs. H. L. Whited, Mrs. F. F. Miller, Mrs. Gussie Foster, Mrs. William Clyde, Mrs. J. R. Robertson, Mrs. Frank Merril, Mrs. C. H. Vaupel, Mrs. G. H. Hedberg, Mrs. P. D. Sergeant, Mrs. D. S. Whitney, Mrs. Ellen Wagner, Mrs. Louise Case, Mrs. F. G. Swedenburg, Miss Ethel Davenport, Miss Esther Whited, Mrs. Nellie Robertson, Mrs. A. L. Stewart, Mrs. J. P. Dodge, Miss Ida Myers and the Messrs. O. Winter, Dr. A. W. Boslough, G. M. Ruch, D. S. Whitney, W. O. Hodgson, Felix E. Moore and Roy E. J. Conaty.

Subscribing Members.
Miss Grace Chamberlain, Mrs. Benton Bowers and Mrs. W. D. Hodgson. The regular members who were omitted from the recently published list are: Mrs. Homer W. Barron, Miss Florence Erickson, Mrs. J. P. Spencer and Mr. Elmo Neill.

Subscriptions Made.
A few donations were made during the past few days for the purchase of supplies, etc. Those who contributed are: One dollar per month from the Ladies' Auxiliary Club, along with the privilege of using their beautiful club room for Red Cross class work when necessary; \$1 from the Eastern Star; 25 cents from Mrs. Reno; 50 cents for three months from E. S. Hathaway; \$1 from the Shriners; 75 cents from Dr. Sawyer and Mrs. A. H. Pracht, who confiscated a nest of eggs which had been hidden by some motherly hen, and, after selling them, donated the money to the cause.

Be On Hand Wednesday.
Every member of the corps is requested to be at the Red Cross headquarters Wednesday and Friday afternoon with needle, thread, scissors, etc., for the purpose of making hospital supplies. All who can donate but a few minutes to the work are requested to do so, as the work is important.

Receipts Expected Soon.
The official receipts have not yet been received by the secretary, but are being expected daily. As soon as they arrive they will be mailed to the members of the local corps by the secretary.

Auto Pays Bill For Good Roads

It is astonishing how few voters seem to realize that it is the automobile which pays the principal and interest of the \$6,000,000 road bonding bill. Many people seem to think that the whole \$6,000,000 burden will fall on the taxpayer.

With even a moderate increase in the number of automobiles, the license fees will more than take care of interest and sinking funds, and redeem the bonds without using a penny from the state millage tax.

The millage tax is on the statute books now, and it is more than sufficient to take up the slack in the improbable event that the number of autos does not increase.

On the basis of the present number of autos, the license fees and the existing millage tax will more than meet principal and interest on the \$6,000,000 bond issue and the \$1,900,000 bonds for forest and post roads in addition.

Once the people realize that it is the auto, not the taxpayer, which carries the financial burden of both principal and interest on the bonds, their instinctive dread of tax increase will vanish, and they will avail themselves of the opportunity to unload a large part of the road burden upon the owners of the vehicles that use and damage the trunk roads the most.

WEATHER
Forecast for the Week Beginning April 29, 1917.
Pacific states: Generally fair with normal temperature.
E. H. BOWIE, Forecaster.

Vale is to build a new hospital this spring.