

COUNTY DISTRIBUTES ITS SEED POTATOES IN 50 POUND MEASURES

All Ages Represented in the Crowd Which Lined Up Early at Court House.

AUTO FIRM DOES HAULING

Mrs. J. A. Austin First to Receive Allotment From Eighty-four Hundred Pounds Distributed.

"You'd think potatoes were gold dollars," grumbled an elderly man, after he had stood in line in the courthouse lobby until the thing he wanted most, next to his own "sack of spuds," was a place to sit down.

"Can't I get a little farther up in the line?" pleaded a little mother, who, unable to leave her younger, who, home, had brought the three of them along. "I so wanted to get back in time to plant my potatoes this evening," she pleaded.

The hour set Monday for distribution of the county's seed potatoes was 2 o'clock. If anyone was tardy, County Agriculturist S. B. Hall and his assistant, R. J. Werner, did not know of it. Before the big loads had been brought from the county farm on trucks, the use of which was generously donated by the Northwest Auto company, applicants for the seed on the "measure for measure" basis announced in The Journal last week had begun to crowd around the courthouse. Would-be gardeners, running the gamut from age to childhood, waited anxiously with baskets and sacks and every other form of container one could think of.

The county agriculturist started to pass on all the applications himself, referring to alphabetical lists of those who had applied through The Journal. But it was soon seen that the process would take all the rest of the day, so County Purchasing Agent Nelson came to his assistance, and finally C. W. Lamar volunteered for work, so that the applications were disposed of as rapidly as references could be consulted. Each eligible person signed an agreement to return at digging time as many potatoes as he received in seed, and with these little slips of paper as their authority they went to the trucks and were supplied. It had been said that no one could secure more than a sack, so many were the applicants, but the amount was soon reduced to 50 pounds. The first one to receive potatoes under the novel distribution plan was Mrs. J. A. Austin of 155 East Seventy-ninth street. Eighty-four hundred pounds of potatoes were distributed.

California to Have Emergency Fund

Legislature Is Expected to Set Aside About \$2,500,000 to Meet Any Condition That May Arise in State.

Sacramento, Cal., April 24.—(P. N. S.)—It looks as if California would set aside \$2,500,000 to \$2,500,000 as an emergency fund to provide against the exigencies of war.

Governor Stephens conferred Monday with legislative leaders as to the bill of the council of defense providing for a state guard of 1000 men to be ready for emergency calls. He found no serious objection to this measure, which is the only defense council bill the legislature will be asked to act upon.

It is probable that \$1,000,000 or \$1,500,000 will be voted for the defense fund and in addition to this the budget carries a \$1,000,000 emergency fund that could be called upon in case of necessity.

Americans Organize Argentine Regiment

Members of Large Colony Prepare to Aid Mother Country in War Against Germany But May Be Stopped.

Buenos Aires, April 24.—(I. N. S.)—A battalion for service under the United States flag has been organized by members of the large American col-

Teuton Puts Insult Upon Flag and Gets Immediate Justice

San Francisco, April 24.—(P. N. S.)—Because he offered insults to the American flag and to recruiting officers Monday afternoon, Carl Froh, a German contractor, aged 56, is in the city prison. Into the bargain, Froh was knocked down by a husky bystander. Froh, it is said, approached the recruiting automobile and began hurling opprobrious epithets at the Stars and Stripes as well as at the uniformed men in the machine. A brawny arm shot out from somewhere and Froh dropped. He was loaded into the recruiting automobile and taken to the police station.

Dallas Woman Dies in Airlie

Airlie, Or., April 24.—Mrs. J. D. Bevens, 52 years old, died Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. M. Simpson. Mrs. Bevens came from Dallas on a visit two weeks ago and contracted pneumonia. She leaves a husband and two grown sons, the youngest recently enlisting in company L. She was a member of the Women of Woodcraft.

SCENES ATTENDING COUNTY'S DISTRIBUTION OF SEED POTATOES



Top—Assistant County Agriculturist Werner and C. M. Menzies of Northwest Auto company loading seed potatoes into trucks at the county farm. Bottom—Mrs. J. A. Austin, first to receive a sack of seed potatoes under the "measure for measure" plan arranged by The Journal in cooperation with the county commissioners and S. B. Hall, county agriculturist.

ony, it was announced Monday night. The spirit of '76 so far has entered into the organization that the American colonists call themselves the "Minute Men." The Americans will drill daily and hold rifle practice twice weekly. The rifle range work will be done individually so as to avoid appearance of military training. It is secretly feared by the organizers that the Argentine government

may be forced to stop the scheme on account of its technical violation of Argentine's neutrality laws. But so far the organization has been permitted. Members of the organization are enrolled by number. The names of those enlisted are withheld. When writing to or calling on advertisers, please mention The Journal. (Adv.)

Election Pamphlets Now Being Mailed

They Contain Text of Constitutional Amendments and Measures to Be Specially Submitted at Election.

Salem, Or., April 24.—Secretary of State Olcott Monday began mailing to the 310,000 registered voters in the state the special election pamphlets. These pamphlets contain the complete text of the proposed constitutional amendments and measures to be submitted to the voters at the special election to be held June 4. They also contain such arguments, for and against certain of the amendments and measures, which were filed for publication in the pamphlet. Work of mailing the pamphlets is to be expedited as much as possible and all voters are expected to receive a copy in ample time to read it before the day of election. Secretary Olcott points out that the measures being referred by the people will not be submitted at the special election and hence will not be found in the special election pamphlet. The measures being referred will be voted on at the regular general election in November, 1918.

Alleged Conspirator Is Accused of Fraud

Former Officer of German Army Also Is Suspected of Being Implicated in War Plots on Mexican Border.

Los Angeles, April 24.—(P. N. S.)—Held on the specific charge of having passed forged drafts for \$1075 on a San Francisco bank, Lieutenant Rudolph Behageld von Flammeringhe, late of the German army, must face federal investigation for his alleged suspicious activities along the Mexican border. Von Flammeringhe, who is believed to be implicated in a plot to destroy the North Island aviation base, is also wanted in San Diego on a grand larceny charge. His personal effects left in his room in San Diego have been seized by federal officials. He admitted passing the drafts in San Francisco, saying he drew money on an account he had there, but the money was tied up.

Carranzista Forces Gathered at Juarez

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—(I. N. S.)—Five thousand Carranzistas, under General Francisco Murguia, which have been campaigning against Villa

in the Casas Grandes district, are being mobilized at Juarez, according to word brought here from across the border. Four trainloads of troops arrived at Juarez Monday. Thirty-three rifles were seized by government agents here when they raided several Mexican houses.

North Bend Sends Young Men to War

North Bend, Or., April 24.—Eighteen North Bend young men left Monday morning to join the army and navy. About 1000 citizens were out to bid the boys goodby. Stores were closed for several hours so all could turn out. The crowd at the depot was one of the largest turnouts the city has ever had. Special services were held at several of the churches Sunday night for the young men who left.

Governor Appoints Council of Defense To Act During War

Salem, Or., April 24.—Acting on the request of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war and chairman of the national council of defense, Governor Withycombe Monday afternoon announced the appointment of the following members of the Oregon council of defense: Henry Ladd Corbett, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; General Charles F. Beebe, Portland; R. N. Stanfield, speaker of the house of representatives at the recent legislative session, Stanfield; O. C. Leiter, editor of the La Grande Observer; C. S. Hudson, president of the First National bank, Bend; W. E. Schimpff, a member of the legislature, Astoria, and Charles Hall, Marshfield. The state council will cooperate with the national council in affairs and propaganda relative to the conduct of the war.

BRITISH COMMISSION GUESTS OF HONOR AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER

President Wilson's Cabinet and Many Notables Meet Conferees From Overseas.

Washington, April 24.—(I. N. S.)—Formal presentation of Foreign Minister Balfour and the British commissioners here with a dinner and reception at the White House. The dinner in the commission's honor was attended by President Wilson's entire cabinet, Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court, the advisory council of the council of national defense: William Denman,

chairman of the United States shipping board; Secretary to the President Tumulty and Miss Helen Woodrow Boney, a cousin of the president. Miss Boney sat near Mrs. Wilson. The conference preliminary to serious discussion of the problems to be worked out as America's part in the European war will be begun Tuesday. Officials announced, however, that there would be no detailed discussion of plans until the arrival of the French commission headed by former Premier Viviani, which was named recently to come to the United States.

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