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ALMOST READY FOR DRAFT WORK

NOTICES ISSUED TO ALL REGISTRANTS.

Questionnaires Will Soon Be Sent Out—Must Be Returned Within Seven Days—Associates Selected for Advisory Board.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Final arrangements are now rapidly nearing completion for the sending out of the draft questionnaires and their speedy return to the office of the local board. At the same time the local advisory board is preparing itself to assist registrants in the preparation of answers to their questionnaires.

To give notice to all registered men of the manner in which the work will be conducted and the necessity of their losing no time in filling out the books, or, if registered in another county or state, in obtaining their questionnaires from the board with whom they are registered, County Clerk J. H. Haner is having posted all over the county notices calling their attention to the situation. These notices read as follows:

"All men registered for the selective draft will please be warned that the questionnaire provided under the rules prescribed by the President, November 8, 1917, will be mailed in order number at the rate of five per cent (38 numbers), commencing December 15, 1917.

"All persons who are registered, whether or not formerly called and exempted from any cause, will be required to complete and return such questionnaire to the office of the Local Board within seven days after mailing from this office.

"All registrants now resident in Deschutes county who are registered in some other county or state should at once communicate with the local board that has their registration card so that the questionnaire will be received within the time required by the rules. Each registrant is responsible for these reports.

"The advisory board, consisting of H. C. Hartranft, chairman, Vernon A. Forbes and C. S. Benson, will be prepared at all times to advise registrants."

At the same time Rev. H. C. Hartranft, as chairman of the local advisory board, is completing the work of organizing the board and calling to its assistance the lawyers and others in the county qualified to assist in the work. These men have undertaken to familiarize themselves with the regulations under which the questionnaires are being sent out and will be available to assist registrants in making their answers.

Associate members of the legal advisory board are H. C. Ellis, Ross Farnham, A. J. Moore, H. B. Ford, G. C. Morgan, J. M. Lawrence, H. H. De Armond, G. A. Paddock, W. P. Myers and C. W. Erskine, Bend; J. A. Wilcox, W. P. Daggett, D. G. Burdick and J. F. Hosch, Redmond, and W. G. Fordham, La Pine. They are expected to meet to consider problems connected with the work on Thursday.

CALLS FOR BIDS ON DELIVERY ROUTES

(From Monday's Daily.)

There have been posted recently in the postoffice notices to the effect that bids are receivable up to January 15 on contracts for mail carriers on the star routes to Alfalfa, Stauffer and Silver Lake. The present contracts will soon expire. The first route mentioned covers 7.25 miles and back three times a week, the second is 91 miles and back twice a week and the third is 92 miles and return daily. Carriers are required to go on the main traveled roads in order to reach the principal towns between here and the terminal points.

H. A. MILLER WILL MANAGE CAMPAIGN

(From Monday's Daily.)

H. A. Miller, of the Miller Lumber Company, will have charge of the Red Cross membership campaign to be carried on here from December 17 to 24, and is now completing plans for covering the county with the drive. R. W. Sawyer, originally appointed as county manager, has been obliged to give up the direction of the work but will assist Mr. Miller.

DISTRICT VOTES SCHOOL BUDGET

LEVY WILL PROBABLY BE 26 MILLS — ONLY 17 BALLOTS CAST AT SPECIAL ELECTION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES.

Year	Tax	Levy
1918	$54,155	....
1917	29,687	17
1916	16,475	12
1915	9,544	7
1914	20,146	15½

(From Thursday's Daily.)

With a unanimous vote favoring it, the $54,155 school budget carried at yesterday's special election held during the afternoon in the council room. The balloting represented the votes of only 17 tax payers in the district.

Because of a law passed by the last legislature the tax is set this year in dollars and cents and not in mills, as in past years. The amount to be raised is then reported to the county assessor who fixes the amount of the millage necessary to raise the tax decided upon. Because Assessor Mullarkey has not yet received from the state tax commission the amount of the public utility valuation in the district it is impossible to make an exact estimate of the millage figure to be set by him. It is apparent, however, that to raise the $54,155 voted yesterday a levy of between 25 and 27 mills will be necessary, the district valuation, exclusive of utilities, being $2,700,805. Last year the levy was 17 mills on a valuation, including utilities, of $1,746,350.

The polls were open yesterday from 1 o'clock until 6 and were in charge of an election board of five.

LAST CALL MADE FOR VOLUNTEERS

MEN OF DRAFT AGE HAVE SHORT TIME LEFT FOR ENLISTMENT BEFORE THE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE DISTRIBUTED.

(From Monday's Daily.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—This is the last call to men of draft age who wish to escape the draft by enlisting as volunteers.

It is also the last call to all men registered under the draft who have changed their addresses to be sure to notify their local boards immediately of their new addresses, so Questionnaires will reach them without delay.

December 15 is the date on which local boards will begin to mail out Questionnaires.

Until noon of December 15 is also the late date on which men of draft age may enlist as volunteers in the army, navy or marine corps. After that date, men subject to the draft will not be accepted as volunteers in the army and can enlist in the navy or marine corps only in case their numbers come so far down that they will not be needed for the current draft quota.

December 15 is important for still another reason. It is the date on which all previous exemptions or discharges from military service under the draft are automatically revoked.

Every registered man, whether previously exempted or not, must answer one of the Questionnaires to be sent out, beginning on December 15. Whether he is granted a deferred classification will be based on the information in his Questionnaire.

Only seven days are allowed from the time the Questionnaire is mailed to answer and return it to the local board. Therefore it is extremely important that local boards have the correct addresses of registrants, for failure to receive a Questionnaire will not be accepted as a valid excuse, and failure to answer is liable to cost a man his chances for exemption.

Any lawyer will assist a registered man, free of charge, in answering the questions in his Questionnaire.

The Oregon Coast Artillery, now stationed in the forts at the mouth of the Columbia river, still needs about 100 recruits to bring it up to full war strength and it wants them by December 15.

After that date men of draft age cannot enlist voluntarily in the army, but will be held for the draft. By enlisting now a man can choose his own branch of the service. The heavy artillery is considered one of the most desirable branches of the whole army service.

Intending applicants should communicate without delay with Colonel C. C. Hammond, Oregon Coast Artillery, Fort Stevens, Oregon.

INCREASE SHOWN IN STAMP SALES

BEND POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS AVERAGE $150 PER DAY—FIGURES ARE GIVEN FOR LAST THREE YEARS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Annual postoffice receipts for the past three years have increased over twice the amount of 1915, according to a report just completed by Postal Inspector C. W. Linebaugh. While making investigations preparatory to the establishment of mail carriers in Bend it was necessary for him to make up a statement of the financial returns in the local office.

According to Mr. Linebaugh these show a surprisingly large annual increase. The figures for 1915 show $8050.05 was taken in; 1916, $14,336.90; 1917, $19,121.19. In order to obtain the totals for complete years the four quarters ending on September 30 of each year were used as a basis. The receipts represent only those from the sale of stamps. They will naturally be greatly increased again next year on account of the war tax.

It is estimated that the stamp sales at the present time in the Bend post office are exceeding $150 per day.

COUNTY COURT ACTS ON BUDGET

DESCHUTES TO RAISE NEARLY $120,000 FOR SCHOOLS, STATE AND COUNTY TAX—MILLAGE WILL BE ABOUT 21½.

(From Friday's Daily.)

COUNTY TAXES.

Schools	$21,700	3.9
State	25,500	4.5
Library	300	0.1
General County	71,000	13.
Total		21.5

The Deschutes county tax for the coming year will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 21½ mills, the exact amount in mills and tenths of mills remaining to be determined by County Assessor Mullarkey on the basis of the county valuation and the total tax to be raised. In dollars and cents, as reported to the assessor, the amount $118,500, which is spread over the whole county. In addition $1000 is to be raised in the schools districts outside the Redmond union and the Bend districts for the payment of high school tuition charges for pupils from those outside districts.

The decision as to the amount of the tax was reached by the county court at its budget meeting yesterday after a general discussion, participated in by the few taxpayers present. No objections were made to any of the budget items as being either too high or too low, except in the case of the appropriation for roads. This the court was asked to make larger through the addition of $4100 to the item "Miscellaneous."

As finally agreed upon the tax will raise practically the amount estimated by the budget to be needed, the difference being expected to be more than taken care of by revenue not estimated on when the budget was made. This new revenue, which is expected to come in payments from Crook county, will also be sufficient to supply extra funds for road work if desired.

Other business attended to yesterday was the consideration of bills.

OFFICER IS ELECTED AT CLUB MEETING

(From Monday's Daily.)

At last week's meeting of the Woman's Club of Bend, which was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Burton, Mrs. Glenn C. Morgan was elected vice-president. At the conclusion of the regular business the following program was given: "Domestic Life and Historical Sketch of the Puritans," Mrs. Glenn C. Morgan; "Witchcraft," Mrs. R. W. Leonard; "Blue Laws," Mrs. C. A. O'Brien. The club will meet again tomorrow with Mrs. E. D. Gilson.

Associate Editor of The Bulletin to Enlist in Army

(From Monday's Daily.)

Henry N. Fowler, associate editor of The Bulletin, left last night for Portland where he intended to offer himself for enlistment in the army. A large number of his friends were present at the train to see him off.

Mr. Fowler has been connected with The Bulletin just a year, coming here on December 9, 1916. Last spring he tried to enlist in the navy but was unable to meet the physical requirements. They have since been lowered and he now expects to be taken without difficulty. He already has a brother serving in France.

Other Bend men leaving to enlist last night were Harold Shumway and Fred Lucas. Mr. Lucas' brother, Ralph, enlisted in the navy last spring.

WOMEN MAY SERVE AS POSTAL CLERKS

Bend Office Feels Shortage of Help—Examination to Be Held Here Soon.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The last resort, women postal clerks in Bend, has been reached, at least that is the way Postmaster Ford feels about it. On account of the draft practically half of the present force expect to leave in the near future and the district post office secretary has asked if Mr. Ford is willing to take women in their place.

Realizing that in the present emergency there is no other course, the Bend postmaster has given his consent and a civil service examination will be held very soon in order to give women a chance to apply. There will probably be three vacancies to fill, one occurring if Byron Gilson goes to Portland next week to enlist and another in case Roy Gilson leaves early next year. The other was occasioned by the resignation of Fred Lucas, who also expects to enlist.

BEND SENDS 16 NEW RECRUITS

MANY OF THEM ENTER FORESTRY ENGINEERS—RUSH TO ENLIST BEFORE SATURDAY IN ORDER TO AVOID DRAFT.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Sixteen men, all of draft age, left Bend last night to enlist in various branches of army service, the majority of them going into the Twentieth Regiment of Forestry Engineers. They will report at headquarters in Portland and probably be sent east immediately to prepare to leave for France.

Those who left last night to enter the forestry engineers are John H. Tindall, Edward F. Parker, Bertie C. Hanley, Chester C. Watts, Hans L. Christiansen, Alfred Moe, Elmer Houston, Sherman Wilson, Percy A. Stevens, Arthur B. Gilson, Reed A. Winkle, Fred Burchtorf, John A. Eichhammer and Edward J. Peterman. With them were Hewitt H. Clark, who is going into the aviation corps, James E. Gould, hospital corps, and George R. Brick, engineers' corps.

The local forestry office has enlisted 25 men in the Twentieth Engineers, most of them in the last few days since the rush to escape the draft began. Only one of their men, a Greek, was turned down by the recruiting officer. Others not included in the above list are Thomas Edward Lyons, Bend; Amicus Dickerson, Millican; Erwin C. Trotter, Bend; William Christian Geltz, Bend; Albert F. Amen, The Dalles; H. E. Stewart, Bend; Louis C. Bliem, Dufur; Phillip E. Weimore, The Dalles; Carl Nys, Dufur; Lee F. Jackson, Tygh Valley.

COUNTY FAVORED IN JUDGEMENT

DECISION IS GIVEN BY JUDGE DUFFY.

Quo Warranto Proceedings at an End—Two Principal Points In the Case Settled After Year of Argument.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Removing all doubt cast by quo warranto proceedings brought in the name of Gus E. Stadig, of Lower Bridge, as to the right of Deschutes county to transact business as a municipal corporation, Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy late yesterday afternoon handed down an opinion favoring this county in the two remaining disputed points in the case. Judge Duffy's opinion recognizes the legislative act creating Deschutes county and holds that a number of the questions raised by N. G. Wallace, of Prineville, counsel for the anti-divisionists, could have been adjudicated in the previous case of McKay versus County Clerk Brown.

Case Pending Year.

The case has been pending almost a year, suit being filed on December 20, 1916, only eight days after judgment had been secured on the McKay-Brown case. An earlier decision, was prevented by a series of motions and demurrers, which delayed action. At the time the matter first came up three attorneys, Willard Wirtz, M. R. Elliott and Mr. Wallace, represented the Crook county side and H. H. De Armond and Vernon A. Forbes, Deschutes. The latter part of the fight has been kept up principally by Mr. Forbes, Mr. De Armond and Mr. Wallace, the two other Prineville men having withdrawn from the case.

Previous Decision Upheld.

Final arguments on the two principal points left undecided were heard last week in Prineville by Judge Duffy, counsel maintaining that the legislative act passed by the legislature at its last session validating Deschutes county bars and estops any one from questioning the validity of its organization. The other point was that the case of McKay versus Brown, on which judgment was rendered December 12, 1916, bars and estops the plaintiffs from maintaining any action at this time, the claim being made that all questions in this case could have been litigated in the previous one.

PROGRAM IS COMING.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Mildred Morrison Company will appear here next Wednesday in the second program of the Lyceum course, brought to Bend under the auspices of the high school. Singing and music will be featured.

Christmas Rush Will Be In Full Swing This Week

"Shop early."

With the annual pre-Christmas slogan in mind, Bend business houses are preparing for the usual holiday rush, which began Saturday and is due to occupy the next two weeks.

There is a distinct change in the character of the holiday shopping this year. Whereas in previous seasons the husband or brother paid the bills and in return received a last minute token in the form of a "marked down from 19 cents" handkerchief or a hand painted smoking set from the "slightly damaged" counter, he is destined for once to get away from the endless assortment of rainbow hued neckwear, silk socks and similar articles and receive the really useful gifts. Feminine shoppers are patronizing the men's department generously while they confine their miscellaneous gifts to inexpensive novelties. On this account many of the stores have changed the character of their stocks entirely. One local jeweler says he has put in things he never carried before because he was positive that there would be few purchases of his expensive stock of staples in gold, silver and cut glass. Instead he is carrying gifts for soldiers and more Japanese goods.

The holiday trade thus far is up to the average but people are making smaller purchases. Only the children's toys seem to be selling with the usual vigor. Santa Claus made his appearance at one of the stores last week and gave away 1200 horns to youngsters who called on him to make their wants known.

Christmas spirit prevails everywhere down town. The windows are full of toys and gift suggestions and stores are prepared to handle wrapping of packages and have stocks of ribbons and seasonable stickers on hand.

County Organization For Red Cross Drive Completed

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Christmas Red Cross membership campaign will be launched at noon December 17 and will last until the night of December 24.

This campaign is to add 240,000 members in Oregon to the American Red Cross.

A membership costs as little as $1. In fact, in this campaign the greatest emphasis is placed on the $1 membership, because it is believed this will be responsible for enlisting the greatest number of people under the Red Cross banner. The drive is not for money, but for members.

A complete state organization has already been perfected under Henry E. Reed, state campaign manager. The Deschutes campaign manager is H. A. Miller and headquarters are at his office on Wall street.

In brief, the effort of every county in the state is to enlist 30 per cent of its population under the Red Cross. Irrespective of whether members have joined previously or not, they are asked to join again in the Christmas drive, with the assurance that there will be but one drive a year in the future and that the week preceding Christmas. Thus "Make it a Red Cross Christmas" is resounding over the country. Special church services will be held December 16.

"Every man and woman in Oregon must join the Red Cross," is the Oregon slogan.

Prominent men and women all over the state are enlisting their services in the campaign. Membership funds are devoted to war work of the Red Cross, a percentage accruing to the local chapter which is expended on surgical, hospital supplies and other requirements for the war work of the chapter.

In completing the work of organization, H. A. Miller yesterday visited Redmond, where he appointed Dr. J. F. Hosch and M. A. Lynch to take charge of the campaign in the northern end of the county. They have made themselves responsible for 600 of the 2500 memberships to be obtained in the county.

On his return from Redmond, Mr. Miller stopped at Deschutes and appointed W. E. Van Allen, of the C. O. I. Co., to take charge of the Deschutes precinct. Judge Barnes has been appointed for the two Tumalo school districts and T. H. Foley will care for the Hampton country.