

THE BEND BULLETIN.

DESCHUTES IS FIRST COUNTY OVER THE TOP

REACHES ITS QUOTA IN WAR SAVING PLEDGE.

CLATSOP IS SECOND

C. S. Jackson Wires Congratulations—Millican District Comes in 100 Per Cent. Over-Subscribed—All Districts In.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Deschutes was the first Oregon county to reach its quota in the war savings pledge campaign, according to information received this morning. Clatsop was second, having reported its success to state headquarters on Friday. The Deschutes report was wired Thursday night.

With the active campaign for pledges over there remains only the collection of scattered pledges and the tabulation of returns to learn the exact details of the county accomplishment. That many were not reached, in spite of the thorough canvass made by the soliciting teams, is apparent from the number of those who are voluntarily coming forward to turn in pledges. Although the campaign is officially over, it is still desired that any who have not signed pledges do so at once, not only to increase the county total but for the purpose of showing their interest in the thrift movement and their support of the government.

In the tabulation of pledges headquarters requires a statement of the number of pledges secured and the amount pledged and these figures are being added to as fast as the completed reports come in from the county districts.

The first 100 per cent. over-subscription came in yesterday, being from the Millican district, in charge of P. B. Johnson. With a quota of \$500, Mr. Johnson reported pledges of \$1,000. An over-subscription was also reported from Brothers. Other districts reporting this morning show equally good results, Redmond going over \$12,000, La Pine better than \$1,500 and the Richardson district exceeding its quota of \$1,000. Lower Bridge, in charge of A. S. Holmes, went more than \$300 over its allotment.

From Eugene last night came a telegram from H. J. Overturf offering to increase his pledge if necessary to help the city reach its quota. C. S. Jackson, state director of W. S. S., has also wired R. W. Sawyer, county chairman, the following message of congratulation on the results obtained in Deschutes:

"Personally and in behalf of the state committee, I want to express my appreciation for the splendid work you and your committee have given in putting your county over the top in war savings. The test today of the patriotism of a modern community is its interest in war savings. The only reward Uncle Sam can give you is an opportunity for more service. Therefore, boost your county as high as you can, for the more stamps held by your people the better they will be both as citizens and patriots."

THOMPSON ELECTED NEW SCHOOL CLERK

J. Alton Thompson was elected clerk of the Bend school board at a meeting of the directors last night. The salary of the clerk was reduced from \$50 to \$25 a month. Mr. Thompson is also county school superintendent and as clerk of the local board will hold the same positions as County Superintendent Myers of Crook county, who is also clerk of the Prineville school board. Other business done at the meeting included the appointment of a building committee, consisting of Carl A. Johnson, Mrs. E. M. Thompson and H. E. Nordson; acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. W. B. Searcy as primary teacher, and the discussion of routine matters.

SHRINERS' WORK IS COMPLETED

(From Monday's Daily.) Completing their ceremonial here late Saturday night, members of the Mystic Shrine departed for their respective homes, many of them the same evening and others remaining over to take advantage of the trips offered by the local committee for yesterday.

Saturday evening the band concert was given on the Emblem club lawn and in the evening a parade of the nobles and candidates was staged, during which time the members made contributions to the benefit funds and to the Belgian relief. Yesterday three trips were made by the local committee, each consisting of from four to five carloads of the Shriners, who were taken to the various places of interest in Central Oregon.

Some few of the members are remaining here with the expectation of spending several days in this section on a fishing expedition.

15 TEACHERS TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Thirteen of This Number Are from Deschutes County and Two from Outside County.

(From Monday's Daily.) Thirteen teachers from Deschutes county, one from Crook county and one from Klamath county wrote on the state teachers' examinations which were held in this city from Wednesday until Saturday of last week. The following were those attending: John Tuck, Nora E. M. Livingston, Dora E. Foster, Mamie B. Howell, Mrs. Olive Lanefear, Mildred Mesdorf, Jennie E. Carroll, Hila Moore, Flora B. Thorsen, Curtis Christy, Frank W. Weber, Ava A. Moore, Anna E. Tate, of Deschutes county; Mrs. B. C. Scott of Klamath county and Mrs. Ethlyn T. Stetson of Crook county.

HARTRANFT SEEKS AN INVESTIGATION

(From Tuesday's Daily.) An altercation occurred yesterday afternoon between R. P. Minter and Rev. H. C. Hartranft, county food administrator, when Mr. Hartranft called upon Mr. Minter to explain a letter he had written to Washington charging Mr. Hartranft with pro-Germanism. As a result of the affair Mr. Hartranft has asked the department of justice to make an investigation as to his loyalty.

FOREST FIRES UNDER CONTROL

SIX REPORTED ON DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST ARE ALL BEING HELD IN CHECK BY FOREST EMPLOYEES.

(From Monday's Daily.) Six forest fires which have been raging on the Deschutes national forest for the past week are all under control this morning. The largest fire is at Bachelor Butte, covering approximately 200 acres, where Assistant Forest Supervisor H. E. Vincent has been with a crew of men since Thursday night. Another fire was located at Suttle lake last night and a crew of men sent hurriedly to the scene. At Crescent lake another fire is in progress but is being held in check by the men in charge. At Big river station another blaze is being held, and the same at Tumalo and Davis mountains. On account of the smoky atmosphere, considerable difficulty is being experienced by the seven look-outs on the reserve in picking up the fires. Forest Supervisor Jacobson said this morning it was almost impossible to secure men to fight fires at the present on account of the labor shortage, and he is instructing the rangers to secure help in the district where the fire breaks out rather than send to Bend for this aid.

CONSOLIDATION EXPERTS BUSY

WOULD HAVE GOVERNOR APPOINT OFFICERS.

Row of Rows Promised When Legislature Gets Plan—Ex-Governor West Going to France—Walter Pierce's Chances.

(Special to The Bulletin.) SALEM, July 3.—Matters of great pith and moment for the future of the state government are germinating here these listless, sleepy, dreamy summer days. While a majority of the state officials are taking the July weather accordingly, one small party is busy at work, silently framing up some sort of a plan which threatens to give much fuss and flurry to said state officials when winter comes around again next year. This one planetary party has seven satellites, those satellites being known as the consolidation commission, and if there is anything busy in state affairs this same commission is as busy or busier than the busiest.

Prof. Matthews, University of Illinois expert, is hard at the job and recent developments indicate that big things will be planned, whether any are accomplished or no. Even a wooden Indian wouldn't need more than 20 stiff wallops on the bean to become alive to the fact that there is something stirring which promises to raise the row of all rows when the legislature gets down to brass tacks during the year coming up.

Prof. Matthews recently asked Attorney General Brown for an opinion as to whether or not legislation merely repealing the present laws providing for the election of a state superintendent of public instruction would automatically make the governor superintendent and give him power to appoint a deputy to handle the affairs of that office. While the governor would automatically become superintendent, the attorney general holds that mere repealing legislation would not give the governor power to appoint such deputy.

The details of the opinion are of not such momentous interest as is the trend of the query. It indicates, as has been hinted at before, that the consolidation commission has a grand plan of its own for entirely revolutionizing the system of government in the state.

While 20,000 or 25,000 of Oregon's best young men are throwing up their occupations, leaving their homes, and in some instances already fighting in France to make the world safe for democracy, the little band of patriots back here at home is endeavoring to rib up as tight a little autocracy in this state as the most autocratic heart could desire, or the most autocratic imagination imagine.

As near as can be determined the plan in view now is to throw all of the offices that can handily come into the pot without the constitution preventing, under the appointive power of the governor. It would be a vast state machine, undoubtedly working smoothly at times with the right kind of a governor, but certainly gumming up things lamentably with spilled grease and oil, with the wrong kind of a governor.

The commission seems to have tripped its toe a little in picking on the superintendent of public instruction for the first milestone in the road of its ambition. If there is any powerful organization in the state it is the organization which represents the educational forces with its thousands of teachers in every nook, corner and cranny of the commonwealth. As soon as the general aim becomes known to take a crack at the superintendent of public instruction and remove him from the sphere of elective offices, there will be a buzzing like the buzzing of many angry bees.

And with other offices a similar row will be stirred up, or the mild attempts made along those lines in the past are no criterion for the future.

Only a few years ago everything had a tendency toward letting the "dear people" do the business. Every time someone stubbed his toe, his office was immediately thrust into the elective class and the entire tendency was toward decentralization of power, a more democratic handling of affairs, and above all a demand

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ICE COMPANY PROTESTS RATE

SAYS EXPRESS CO. IS UNFAIR.

State Public Service Commission Declares Consolidated Express Company Has No Right to Increase Rates.

(From Monday's Daily.) (Special to The Bulletin.) SALEM, July 1.—The Deschutes Ice company of Bend has filed with the public service commission a protest against the ice rate out of that city. "We have been shipping ice by express from Bend to Madras and Redmond for the past three years," states the protest. "The rate from Bend to Redmond is 25 cents per 100 pounds. This rate was made by the Northern Express company and the American Express company accepted it. The American Express company is absorbing the Northern Express company and the American has notified us that after July 1 the rate will be 49 cents to Redmond and 53 cents to Madras. This makes a very high rate and is a serious proposition for the people in this territory because even at the present rate ice comes very high. For this reason we hope you will order the present rate continued until you can investigate. We own the only ice plant in Central Oregon, so that all this territory is absolutely dependent upon us."

The commission has sent the following reply to the ice company through Commissioner Buchtel: "We think that the American Express company agent has been misinformed if he has notified you that these rates will be advanced on July 1st to 49c and 53c. It is true that the four express companies operating in Oregon will be consolidated, effective July 1st, under the name of the American Railway Express company, and will be operated under contract with the director general.

"Request for a 10 per cent. advance has been made by the express company on all intrastate rates, which request cannot be granted by this commission as applied for. Under the Oregon statutes the proposed increase mentioned in your letter must be covered by appropriate tariffs filed with this commission, the reasonableness of which is subject to attack as provided by statute."

CLERK'S OFFICE FEES SAME AS LAST YEAR

(From Tuesday's Daily.) In spite of the war and war conditions the county clerk's office of Deschutes county in receipts for the month of June is but \$2.05 behind last year for the same period. The amounts collected in fees by the office during the month were: For recording, \$226.50; circuit court, \$145; probate and county court, \$15; marriage licenses, \$33; anglers' licenses, \$14.75, or a total of \$434.25. The amounts collected for the same period last year amounted to \$436.30.

SEEKS ADVICE REGARDING MEN

ADJUTANT GENERAL WRITES LOCAL BOARD FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOHN E. AND RAY JOHNSON.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Information concerning the relatives and dependents of John E. Johnson and Ray Johnson, two men who are believed to have enlisted from Bend, is being sought by the adjutant general's office through the local war board. The request for this information came to the local board in a letter today, and being unable to furnish it, the local board has asked that any persons knowing of these men and their relatives report it at once.

The men are believed to have either been killed in action or died of disease.

COUNTY RECORD IS BEING KEPT

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Recognizing the need of coordinated and centralized activity in the coming war drives as a means of lightening the work, of getting better results and of avoiding the duplication of work, suggestions have recently been made that Deschutes county be organized for war work in the same manner as other counties of the state, notably Umatilla.

As a foundation for the work in connection with the recent W. S. S. campaign, a beginning was made on a county directory, or list of every resident of the county, together with a record of what each one has done in all previous war drives. As fast as possible this will be brought down to date and will be of great service in all future drives, especially where a rating is needed.

The Bulletin has also obtained from the Umatilla committee a statement of how the work is carried on in that county, which is presented herewith as a possible basis for organization in Deschutes.

The Umatilla System.

"The Umatilla County Patriotic Service league, organized early in 1918, grew out of the recognition of the need for a comprehensive and permanent organization to conduct all war drives and to supervise and direct all other war activities. Prior to the formation of the league, new machinery was created for each war fund drive. Different branches of war work were assigned to various individuals and there was little cooperation and no co-ordination in carrying out plans for keeping the county well up in the patriotic percentage column. The State Council of Defense had a branch in the county, but it had never been thoroughly organized and the chairman was doing most of the work.

"The organization is composed of the following units:

"A central executive committee composed of the chairman, secretary and five members chosen because of their prominence in war work and because their connection with the Red Cross, W. S. S. and other branches of war work enables co-ordination in the work to become a fact.

"A district chairman for each district in the county who is responsible to the executive committee for the work in his district. Umatilla county was divided into 17 districts, commercial and geographical location determining the boundaries.

"A precinct chairman for each precinct (voting) in each district. The precinct chairman is responsible to the district chairman. The Pendleton district contains 20 precincts, whereas some of the outlying districts have but one. There are 64 in the county.

"A team captain for approximately each 25 potential contributors within a precinct. By potential contributor is meant the head of a family, single person or any other person having separate income. The team captains work directly under the precinct chairmen and for war drives select their own assistants. All chairmen and team captains are appointed for the period of the war.

"A publicity committee composed of the publishers of all newspapers in the county and such additional members as they may deem advisable. The publicity committee not only assumes charge of all newspaper publicity, but handles the four-minute men and all other speakers on war subjects. Because publishers of weeklies are limited in their physical equipment, the central publicity committee publishes a patriotic supplement for all weekly publications during each war drive.

"A central and district loyalty committee, whose function it is to investigate all charges of disloyalty, sedition, slackness or any unpatriotic act or utterance. This branch of the organization has been very active and effective. If a person is under suspicion for alleged utterances or acts or if he has refused to contribute to war funds without good and sufficient reason, he is forthwith summoned to appear before the loyalty committee at a specified time and place. Every person so summoned is assured of a courteous and fair hearing and every safeguard is taken to prevent any injustice being done. If the evidence tends to es-

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WHITE FLOUR ON SALE AFTER FIFTH OF JULY

EMERGENCY IS OVER, SAYS HOOVER.

CARLOADS HELD HERE

Food Administrator Gives Word That People of State May Return to a 50-50 Basis After That Date.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) H. C. Hartranft, county food administrator, this afternoon received word from the state office that the two carloads of flour held in Bend will be released for sale in this county.

White flour will again be on the market July 5, according to letter from W. B. Ayer, food administrator for Oregon, to dealers of the state permitting them to resume their sales on a fifty-fifty basis.

The emergency no longer exists, according to the food administrator, Oregon patriots having turned back from 17,000 to 18,000 barrels of flour to be sent by the government to France, and no more will be sent until after the new crop comes from the mills.

Deschutes, as did nearly every other county in the state, upon the inauguration of the wheatless campaign, voluntarily adopted a wheatless regime and returned every available pound of flour to the government. Where the white flour is coming from which is to be put on sale Friday, July 5, is an enigma to the local merchants and grain dealers. Every pound available was turned back. H. C. Hartranft, county food administrator, this morning offered the only solution to the problem. He is holding at the order of the government in this city two carloads of white flour, which were turned back at the time the order went into effect in this county. Already the government has been notified that this flour is held here, awaiting the order of the food administration, and should a call be made for it Deschutes county will have to await shipments of flour from the outside. If no call is made, steps will be taken immediately for its release to the local merchants for sale in the county.

Proud of Record.

The letter sent by Mr. Ayer to the flour dealers is as follows: "On May 26 Mr. Hoover made an appeal to the people of this nation, through the churches, to abstain from the use of wheat flour until the next harvest. In reply to this appeal Oregon voluntarily went on a wheatless basis, the dealers of the state agreeing not to sell wheat flour and to return for shipment to our army in France all flour that was returned to them. I am not able to state the total amount that was voluntarily returned, as it has not all been received and checked up, but it will amount to between 17,000 and 18,000 barrels, a magnificent record and one of which the people of the state may well be proud.

"As the crop from last season's harvest has been practically exhausted the government will only be able to dispatch one more flour cargo from this port to France until the new harvest is available. For this reason the food administration in Washington has given full sanction to my suggestion that, commencing July 5, we return to the sale of wheat flour on the fifty-fifty basis, and all rules and regulations governing the sale of wheat flour will be in full force and effect, and sales can only be made by selling at the same time an equal amount of substitutes, and dealers must not overlook the signing of the flour card certificates before making purchases, etc."

"I have received a telegram from Mr. Hoover expressing the greatest appreciation of the efforts made by the people of this state, and I wish to take this occasion to express my own obligations to mills, jobbers and dealers, without which the voluntary service rendered by the people could not have been made effective."