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EXPERT WOULD REDUCE TAXES

HEE-HAW CLUB STARTED AT SALEM.

Efficiency Expert for Consolidation Committee Says Saving of \$856,000 Can Be Effected in State—But How?

(Special to The Bulletin.)
SALEM, Aug. 22.—Not long ago a number of veterinarians in Portland determined conclusively that by cutting a trifling cord in a donkey's tail the vociferous animal automatically became deprived of its braying function. This operation was hailed by denizens of the night life as the harbinger of peaceful and sleepful mornings.

Some way the operation evidently was overlooked around the capitol, or possibly the report of the government efficiency expert to the consolidation commission would never have been turned in. As it is the report has been responsible for the formation of the Hee-Haw club, which will probably work overtime between now and the next session of the legislature.

The report states that the consolidation commission can effect a saving of \$856,000 if the numerous recommendations in a voluminous report are carried out.

Listen to a few of them: The report would have the counties pay half of the salaries of district attorneys, thus effecting a saving of \$72,000. How this would save any money to the taxpayers is a feat in mathematical ledgerdom yet unaccomplished. Of course, by the counties paying it, the humble taxpayer probably would not have to shell out.

The board also would have motor licenses paid biennially and thus save \$28,000 on materials. The humble motor owner would be called upon to pay twice as much at any given period than he does now, which would no doubt please that rather useful individual, who just now is building all of our state highways. Some saving is contemplated by the very satisfactory proposition of reducing appropriations. Here it might be remarked a glimmer of reason seems paramount in the report.

Another contemplated saving is seen in the proposed creation of the office of state architect. It is estimated \$7,000 could be saved this way in two years. A few years ago a state architect was fired bodily because his office was considered too expensive. The peculiar part of this situation is that the only time a state architect can save money is when there is a carnival of new buildings going on. The new buildings cost much more than the architect's fees, that is considered a cinch. The report failed to mention that probably more money could be saved by cutting out a few of the new buildings.

Also \$10,000 is the estimated saving in the abolition of boards. The commission fails to comment upon the extra expense which will be entailed by the creation of 10 or 12 new offices.

The grand general plan of the commission is to require that all state offices be appointive by the governor, save the governor himself, the secretary of state and the state treasurer. There would be nine grand departments, including the governor and the departments of general administration and finance, education, labor, agriculture, trade and commerce, public works and domain, public health and public welfare.

Each one of these would be under a salaried director. Apparently the salary would be sufficient in each case, in light of a remark dropped by one of the commissioners that "we want bigger men than we have now."

More and Better Salaries.

This batch of directors would add to the grand scheme of more and better salaries. As a concrete case: The agricultural department would have four high salaried employees, including the director and three deputies, one deputy each over three bureaus. These bureaus would be general agriculture, animal husbandry and the state fair. Under the present arrangement there is a secretary of the state fair board, who

MIKE MURGE IS FOUND GUILTY

JURY RETURNS VERDICT WITHIN FEW MINUTES AFTER CONCLUSION OF ARGUMENTS—\$300 FINE AND COSTS IMPOSED.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
After scarcely more than three minutes' deliberation the jury drawn in the case of the State vs. Mike Murge, charged with operating a disorderly house, was found guilty, a fine of \$300 and costs being imposed by Judge Eastes.

The case attracted considerable attention and the court room was filled from the commencement of the trial to the decision of the jury. Several witnesses were called by Prosecuting Attorney H. H. De Armond, all of whom testified that Murge had brought a woman here from Klamath Falls and that she had operated in the Depot hotel, owned by Murge, for more than a month. The woman was the chief witness for the state, and it was upon her complaint that the arrest was made.

R. S. Hamilton, attorney for the defense, called several witnesses, but their testimony in favor of the defendant was not sufficient to convince the jury that Murge was not guilty of a violation of the law.

Murge paid \$250 of the fine last night and was given 30 days in which to raise the additional \$50.

• WHEN, WHERE AND HOW •
• MEN WHO HAVE BECOME 21 •
• YEARS OLD SINCE JUNE 5 •
• MUST REGISTER. •

Who Must Register.—All male persons (citizens or aliens) born between June 6, 1897, and August 24, 1897, both dates inclusive, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, navy and marine corps, and the national guard while in federal service, and officers in officers' reserve corps, and enlisted men in enlisted reserve corps while in active service.

When.—On Saturday, August 24, 1918, between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Where.—At office of local board having jurisdiction where person to be registered permanently resides, or other place designated by that local board. (At county court house in Bend and Deschutes county.)

How.—Go in person on August 24 to your registration place. If you expect to be absent from home on August 24, go at once to the office of the local board where you happen to be. Have your registration card filled out and certified. Mail it to the local board having jurisdiction where you permanently reside. Inclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with your registration card, for the return of your registration certificate. Failure to get this certificate may cause you serious inconvenience. You must mail your registration card in time to reach your home local board on August 24. If you are sick on August 24 and unable to present yourself in person send some competent friend. The clerk may deputize him or her to prepare your card.

Information.—If you are in doubt as to what to do or where to register, consult your local board.

Penalty for Not Registering.—Failure to register is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for one year. It may result in loss of valuable rights and privileges and immediate induction into military service.

Caution.—Do not confuse this call for registration, which is only for men who have reached their 21st birthday since June 5, with the coming registration of men from 18 to 20 and from 32 to 45, inclusive, which will be held sometime early in September.

Miss Blodgett Writes of Trip to France, and Gives Opinion Regarding Protection of Boys

People in America need not worry about the safety of the boys crossing the Atlantic under the protection of "Old Glory," in the opinion of Miss Marie Blodgett, who is now stationed with the base hospital unit No. 46 in France. Miss Blodgett was formerly in the offices of Dr. Vandeventer in this city and left early in May for training. The following interesting letter from her, one of the first since her arrival in France, has been received by Dr. Anna Reis-Finley under date of July 21, and is descriptive of her voyage across. It follows, in part:

"Dear Doctor: Will try to be true to my promise and write you from somewhere in France. Our voyage was pleasant and uneventful from a military standpoint, yet full of interest and wonderful sights and happenings from a personal standpoint.

I am sorry to tell the world that I neglected to feed the little fishes as did most of my fellow travelers. We had a smooth sea, but, oh my, what a big one!

"We were well taken care of and I wish that I might tell you how our Uncle Sammy protects his soldiers. Do not lose any sleep over the subject for I assure you that all will be well for all who cross the sea under the protection of Old Glory and all that she stands for. The trip through (deleted) was indeed wonderful, and words cannot express the beauty of landscape. (Deleted) we thought beautiful, but France is perfect.

"France has the most quaint and picturesque architecture, and every village is exactly the same, but the roads are perfect. Hard surfaced from one extreme of the country to the other; winding in and out—a perfect picture. It is hard to realize that the people of France pursue their peaceful occupation within the sound of the cannon's roar, and, oh, so calmly and perfectly composed. Well, as perfectly unconcerned as the people of Bend and vicinity.

"We have had good news from the front for the last three days now, and maybe this big job will not last so long.

"We are very pleasantly situated in a quaint little village and have all the modern conveniences, and are very comfortable. Don't worry about me for the only thing that can dampen my spirit now is a bomb or a cannon ball, and I will steer clear of those evils.

"Perhaps you wonder why I do not tell you more about the big fight, but will tell you when I return to Bend. I often think of you and all friends there and all I ask is plenty of letters and good wishes. I will try and do my share to help the boys 'over the top.' The whole unit of nurses made the trip without any inconvenience whatever, and at the present writing all are well and happy."

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32 DIVISIONS NOW READY

880,000 MEN READY FOR THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES IN FRANCE—WILL NEED ALL THE SHIPS PROCURABLE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—General March, chief of staff, has announced that 32 completed American divisions are now in France. To accomplish this remarkable task it was necessary to scour the world for ships, and to maintain the present progress and to achieve the projected four millions within another year will require the gathering of still more shipping.

Thirty-two American divisions ready for the fighting line with 27,500 men to the division, totals 880,000 Americans equipped for the front line work.

MILITIA DANCE HUGE SUCCESS

FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN IN ATTENDANCE—MILITIAMEN PARADE STREETS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
With nearly four hundred persons in attendance, the military ball given at the gymnasium last night by the two companies of Bend militia was the most successful event of its kind held in this city during the season. Given for the purpose of raising funds for the militia, everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion and helped in making the affair a success.

Proceeding the dance the militiamen marched through the streets of the city, headed by the Bend band. The grand march was started promptly at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Roscoe Howard of Deschutes and Alex. Mackintosh leading, followed by nearly two hundred couples.

Officers of the militia today stated they desired to express the appreciation of the men for the music furnished by the ten-piece orchestra which was donated for the occasion. The amount raised will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the companies and to add new equipment which is necessary at this time.

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RUNS LINE AROUND KLAMATH FOREST FIRE

(From Monday's Daily.)
W. G. Sproat, government surveyor, left this morning for the Klamath Indian reservation, where he will remain for several days for the purpose of running lines around the forest fire which has been raging on the reservation for several weeks and determining the exact area of ground which has been burned over.

AMERICAN SURPRISES THE WHOLE WORLD

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
LONDON, Aug. 21.—"The American entry into the war has removed all doubts and fears of certain victory for the allies, but we never imagined that America could take such a splendid part so quickly," said Ambassador Lord Reading in his address to a Luncheon club here today.

RED CROSS UNIT IS NOW IN SIBERIA

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
LONDON, Aug. 21.—American Red Cross units have arrived at Vladivostok from Tokio, bringing 70,000 pounds of hospital supplies and provisions.

SPAIN TO SEIZE HUN TONNAGE

ONE OF INTERNED VESSELS WILL BE COMMANDEERED FOR EVERY SPANISH BOAT SUNK BY THE HUN SUBMARINES.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
MADRID, Aug. 21.—The minister of the interior has announced that Spain has sent a note to Germany declaring that she will temporarily replace all future submarine sinkings from German tonnage now interned in Spanish ports.

The minister denied the rumor that Germany had broken off diplomatic relations with Spain. He stated that the "decision is but natural and an obligatory defense of our national interests. We cannot further risk prejudicing our national dignity and life. We feel assured that Germany will recognize that our decision agrees with loyal neutrality. The final settlement of the status of the commandeered vessels will be settled when peace has been declared."

CLUB WORKERS MAKE SHOWING

LARGER NUMBER OF WORKERS IN THIS COUNTY FINISH WORK THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTY. SAYS OFFICIAL.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
More children who have entered the industrial club work in Deschutes county will complete their work successfully than in any other county in the state, according to a statement by A. I. O'Reilly, state industrial club leader, of Corvallis, who has been checking up the work in the county during the past week. Mr. O'Reilly declared that the showing in this county had been far above the average, and is urging that the arrangements be made for an exhibit at the state fair, held in Salem. The percentage of children finishing the work has been high, much more so than in other counties of the state.

SHOOT THE KAISER THURSDAY NIGHT

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
On Mrs. Roscoe Howard's lawn at Deschutes, which is to be decorated with lanterns and bonfires, tomorrow night at 8:30 people of Deschutes county will have an opportunity to "shoot the kaiser" and at the same time enjoy numerous other forms of amusement besides aiding the Deschutes branch of the Red Cross in purchasing knitting machines and knitting needles. Everyone is expected to bring their lunch in a shoe box and then the shadow will be sold, at auction, the high bidder to take the box and its owner.

All of the necessary arrangements have been completed for one of the big events of the summer months, and auto parties from all sections of the county have signified their willingness to be in attendance.

"DEVIL DOG" GETS SMOKES

PARKER RECEIVES CARD FROM MARINE WHO GETS TOBACCO KIT WHILE UNDER SHELL FIRE—AS NECESSARY AS FOOD

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Private Douglas Millburn, one of the "Devil Dogs" somewhere in France, has received one of The Bulletin tobacco kits and has written a card to F. T. Parker, the donor, thanking him for the donation. Private Millburn's card is especially interesting because of the fact that it was written July 28, after the allies had been chasing the "Hun in the Soissons-Rheims salient," and reads as follows: "I thank you, Mr. Parker for a package of tobacco received while under shell fire. Smokes are as much of a necessity for some of us as food. Will gladly write you any details you care to know, if I am still in the running and the censor permits."

KEEPING YOUR PLEDGE W. S. S.

Buy your stamps early. Those you purchase are evidence that you are keeping your pledge. You also pledged yourself to economize during the war. The government is requesting that you do not buy articles not necessary for your health and efficiency. You will, thereby, release both labor and material for the manufacture of articles needed to support our brave boys "over there," who are just now so heroically driving the Huns back. They make good their pledges. Are you keeping yours? Buy all you can afford.

R. W. SAWYER,
County Chairman.

FOURTH LOAN DRIVE PLANNED

WOULD PUT OREGON IN LEAD IN NATION.

Drive Will Be Handled in Deschutes County Through the War Committee—Delegates From Each Bank in County Will Aid.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Plans announced at the recent Liberty loan conference in Portland for putting Oregon in the lead in the coming fourth loan drive were reported to the Commercial club by C. S. Hudson, Deschutes county chairman, at the club luncheon this noon. The drive will be handled through the county war committee, according to Mr. Hudson, and the co-operation of every business man in the city was asked. For the purposes of this drive a representative from each bank in the county will be added to the committee.

Although no quotas have yet been announced, Mr. Hudson stated that he expected to be allotted about the same amount that the county had subscribed last April, and that with crops in and money easier it should not be difficult to meet the allotment.

The business session opened with a report from J. A. Eastes of the fire protection committee, who suggested that a Portland fire apparatus dealer be invited to come to Bend and recommend what was needed in the way of fire protection. T. W. Carlton of the committee reported that he had found the city fire apparatus in bad shape. This apparently ended the discussion of this subject for the meeting. Mr. Hudson's statement following and Judge Eastes then bringing up the matter of restocking our lakes and streams and maintaining a fish hatchery. He moved the appointment of a committee, but in the discussion that followed the subject was lost, all the speakers turning back to the fire protection question.

This was brought to a head by an offer of President McKay of the city council to call a special meeting to go over fire questions with the Commercial club committee, and when Carl Johnson asked him to name his time he set this evening at 7:30.

FLOWER SALE BRINGS SUM TO R. C. AUXILIARY

(From Monday's Daily.)
Sale of flowers on the street Saturday afternoon and evening by young ladies in Red Cross costume, representatives of the Arnold auxiliary of the Bend chapter of the Red Cross, netted a sum of \$56 for that branch. The sale commenced early in the afternoon and continued until late in the evening.

The sum of \$9 was raised by Mrs. Sottong from the sale of a bouquet of roses which were donated by a conductor on the S. P. & S., whose home is at The Dalles.

ENGALLS BACK FROM AN EVENTFUL TRIP

Returns From a Three Weeks' Journey to Boston—Impressed with War Activity in East.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
W. T. Engalls, operator at the Grand theatre, has just returned from an eventful trip to Boston. Slightly over three weeks ago Mr. Engalls left for the east for the purpose of having an operation performed and at the same time visit with friends and relatives in his boyhood home. He made the trip east without mishap, and underwent the operation. During his recovery the death of two relatives occurred. He commenced his return journey and was compelled to travel from Chicago to Portland in a chair car, it being impossible for him to procure sleeping privileges on account of the congestion of traffic.

Mr. Engalls was much impressed with the military activity in the east. Everything bears a military aspect, he declares, and one is impressed with the magnitude of the war on every hand.