

21 ASSIGNED FOR SERVICE

Local Board Grants 11 Discharges and Assigns Others As Accepted for Service

FINAL EXAMINATIONS TODAY

Last of 140 Called to Appear—Many Claim Exemption but Proofs Not Yet Filed

Examination of the 140 men called by the first selective draft call by the Box Butte county exemption board will be completed this afternoon with the possible exception of the examination of a few stragglers.

Those called for examination and found physically able have until two days after the examination to file claims for exemption and ten days after that in which to submit proof.

While the last of the 140 men called for examination and who appear will probably be examined this afternoon, the local board will probably not pass on all of them until after the time limit is up for submission of proof, which for those examined today will be about Tuesday, August 28.

Of those who filed claims for exemption and submitted proof whose cases have been acted upon by the board nine exemptions were granted and six claims rejected.

Exemptions for the following were refused and they are now assigned as accepted for service:

- 13-Ray B. Reddish. 22-Jesse Chilson. 26-Arthur H. Volkner. 30-Roy Holton. 38-Chas. E. Wilkinson. 64-Cecil R. Henry.

The following have been held for service either because they presented no claims for exemption or failed to appear for examination within the time limit set. It is believed that several of the following list have already joined some branch of the service, but the local board has no official knowledge of the fact:

- 1-James H. Tally. 4-Chiff Franklin. 5-Pete Sciora. 8-James J. Hibbert. 9-Francis Townsend. 15-Harry Gavelick. 24-Theo. E. Yeager. 25-Thos. H. Zeliors. 27-Roy E. Spencer. 28-George E. Hare. 41-Richardson Haugh. 46-Arthur Machen. 50-Jacob Rohrbough. 55-Berley Beach. 61-Royce L. Glass.

In view of the fact that demands have been made on the local board for a report on at least the first half of the quota of Box Butte county's men accepted for service, it is assumed that a certain percentage of the quota will be called out with the first division about the first of September.

The following were granted exemptions by the local board after the board had examined the evidence submitted and carefully weighed each individual case: No. 3, Elmer Lee Marsh; 11, Martin Baker; 17, Arthur E. Lyon; 18, John C. Henley; 19, John B. Johnston; 21, Raymond Westlake; 23, Ernest S. Brower; 35, Harold R. Snyder; 36, Geo. Grant Ewing Melick; 48, Charles F. Coupons; 52, Frank Church.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HOME GUARDS

Commission Received from State Council of Defense Authorizing Formation of Company

The State Council of Defense, through its vice chairman, George Coupland, has granted permission for the organization of a company of "Home Guards" at Alliance and for Box Butte county.

A company of Home Guards, under the regulations, should contain from fifty to 100 members and have as officers commissioned a captain and two lieutenants, who must be elected by the members of the company.

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Rev. A. A. Layton will hold regular services at the Baptist church Sunday, August 19. He and Mrs. Layton left Denver Monday to return to Alliance, coming via the National Park. They enjoyed meeting many old-time friends while in Denver.

J. C. McCorkle has on exhibition in the office of the Nebraska Land Company thirty-one potatoes, large and small, taken from two hills of a small field being grown this year by Tom Beal.

R. M. Tinkcom last week tendered his resignation as agent for the Adams Express Co. in this city. He has checked out Sunday. Mr. Roberts is agent now.

It is said that about 90 per cent of those examined are being passed on the physical examination and of those who pass the physical examination almost 100 per cent are filing exemption claims.

Rulings received last week authorize the board to deny exemptions to married men whose wives are solely dependent on them where the parents or other relatives of the wife or husband are willing to assume the burden of her support during his absence.

This examination has brought to Alliance and Box Butte county the real seriousness of the war. The members of the board are questioned from early morning until late at night as to the results.

COMPANY G GOES TO DEMING, N.M.

Five Companies of Nebraska National Guard Ordered to Leave for New Mexico Yesterday

BOYS EXCELLENTLY TRAINED

Will Prepare Camp for Coming of the Other Companies in the Nebraska Brigade

Word reached Alliance yesterday that Company G, the Alliance company, of the Fighting Fourth, along with Company B of the same regiment, and Companies C and E of the Fifth, and Company C of the Sixth, had been ordered to entrain yesterday for Deming, New Mexico.

The companies received orders last week to be ready to leave at an instant's notice and they were on the qui vive, until the orders came for the movement of the troops.

Company G has been stationed at Fort Crook, near Omaha, since leaving Alliance. Company C of the Sixth has been stationed at the Omaha auditorium; Company B of the Fourth was stationed at Camp Hamilton, across the river from Omaha; Company E of the Fifth was stationed at North Platte, and Company C of the Fifth held out at Beatrice.

Companies B and G of the Fighting Fourth were the only companies stationed at Fort Crook of full war strength. Press dispatches state that both companies are excellently trained now. When it is considered that Company G, when it left early this summer for Fort Crook, was a green company just organized and without military training of any sort, and that now all reports are flattering, all who are particularly interested in the Alliance company have just reason to feel proud of the western Nebraska boys.

The Omaha Bee of Wednesday morning said: "Company G has Captain Miller, another Spanish-American war veteran, for its leader, and his efficient management has brought it to a high degree of skill. The companies were all anxious to start and proud of the fact that they are to be the advance guard to the new training camp."

While it is said the companies leave singly it is believed they will meet somewhere on the road and be put together, so they will reach Deming in a body. They will prepare the camp for the coming of the other companies in the Nebraska brigade, and in a few days the whole brigade will be on the way.

Press dispatches announce that the Nebraska Field Hospital unit has been ordered to France. This unit is separate from all three of the Nebraska regiments. Army officers do not believe that the orders for this unit indicate any quicker movement of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth regiments to France.

Colonel Paul of the Fifth regiment and Colonel Phil Hall of the Sixth this week purchased jet black horses for their own personal use on the border.

NINE ARRESTED FOR MINOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCE Monday and Tuesday of this week nine arrests were made by the city police for minor violations of city ordinance No. 195, entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate Use of Motor Vehicles." This ordinance was passed on June 2, 1914, but is a new law, so to speak, as far as enforcement is concerned.

F. A. King, manager of the Alliance branch of the Bentley Land Company, is in Alliance again after spending some time in eastern Nebraska on business.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT F. W. Hicks, official weather observer for Alliance, gives the following report for the last week: Aug. Max. Min. Prec. Wind Day 9 74 42 S Clear 10 89 52 .09 NE Clear 11 74 54 NE Clear 12 79 41 E Pt Cldy 13 76 56 S Pt Cldy 14 83 57 S Clear 15 91 48 .95 E Clear

The rain storm of Wednesday evening only touched Alliance, the heavy rainfall going northeast of town. Reports reaching Alliance this morning state that up to one-half inch of rain fell in sections within a few miles of town.

Chara Spucker of Deadwood is now employed at the Alliance hotel.

SILENT ON PEACE PLAN

Some Features of Vatican's Proposal Believed Not Acceptable to the United States

CANADIAN TROOPS STORM LENS

Capture Hill 70—Fight in Streets—Millions Cheer Yankees in London

Washington—Official Washington has not yet spoken in regard to Pope Benedict's proposals to end the war. The official document from the Vatican had not yet reached Washington, although the summary as reported by the daily press is admitted to be in accord with the unofficial outline in possession of the secretary of state.

Copenhagen—Berlin dispatches state that German newspapers look for the renewal of the entente offensive on the western front on a greater scale than ever before.

British Headquarters in Belgium—Canadians captured Hill 70 Wednesday in brilliant advance and swept on northwest of Lens. They were in close grip with the Germans. There has been furious battle raged in streets of Lens.

Washington—There will be little if any opposition to the proposed \$9,000,000,000 bond issue for the allies and to cover war deficiencies as shown by the result of a canvass of Democratic and Republican leaders of the house in Washington.

London—Londoners yesterday celebrated a second American day when a large contingent of American troops from a training camp marched through the heart of the capital, in response to a popular demand that its citizens greet the visitors whose presence, doings and characteristics have commanded a remarkable degree of attention. Millions cheered the Yankee troops.

HERD OF REGISTERED COWS FOR COUNTY

Box Butte Dairymen Combine to Purchase Rothermal Herd at Bethany, Near Lincoln

Box Butte county within the next week or so will take a decided step forward in the matter of dairy cows. Representative dairymen of the county are co-operating in the purchasing of a herd of fine Holstein dairy cows owned by a dairyman residing at Bethany, near Lincoln.

Prof. D. H. Propps, of the dairy department of the University of Nebraska, was in Alliance one day last week on his way to Mitchell to attend the annual farmers' picnic there. He took the time while here to visit several of the dairymen around Alliance in the interest of securing some new dairy stock in the county.

As a result local dairymen got busy and have agreed to send one of their number to Lincoln and Bethany to look over the herd and also to make some additional purchases in that section.

L. M. Beal, E. I. Gregg and T. H. Barnes will take from four to six head each of the herd. Art Grove and L. J. Schill of Alliance and John Wiltsey of Hemingford will purchase several registered animals for their herd. It is expected that T. H. Barnes will go to Bethany to do the buying. The herd in question is owned by Rothermal of Bethany.

The C. A. Newberry family is enjoying a visit this week from R. T. Lionberger of Clinton, Mo. Mr. Lionberger was the teacher of a school which Mr. Newberry at one time attended.

NEGRO WOMEN WORK AT ROUND HOUSE Negro women are being employed as engine wipers at the Burlington round house in Alliance. Seven negro women went to work this morning as engine wipers and fifteen more are to be put on soon, is the report.

SEPTEMBER 3 DATE SCHOOL WILL START

School Board Met Friday—G. M. Burns Resigns as Principal of Central School

The Alliance city schools will open Monday morning, September 3, for the fall term in compliance with arrangements made by the school board at its session Friday. On the Friday and Saturday preceding the opening of school Principal T. R. Crawford will be at the high school to accept the registrations of those who desire to enroll in the high school.

G. M. Burns resigned as principal of the Central school and will devote his time to the real estate business. Miss Anna Chambers, sixth grade teacher last year, was appointed principal.

"The Manual Training department of the city schools is prepared to do better work during the new year. Last year it was noticed that there was some hesitation on the part of the boys as to what they cared to build. Parents are best prepared to make the right suggestion. Tell your boy what you need in your home. He will be better satisfied to make needed articles, parents will be better pleased in his work, and the department will profit by a closer tie with home interests."

"Last year the department had a number of calls for articles which could not be furnished owing to the late date of the demand. There may be enough time during the new year to build a few extra pieces provided it is known early in the year what is wanted. The cost can be foretold. Any who are interested will meet the hearty service of the department."

SERGEANT MAJOR BLACK TO REPLACE SERGEANT BOOTH Battalion Sergeant Major Charles Black, Engineers, U. S. Army, now on recruiting duty at Omaha, has been ordered to proceed to this city to take charge of the Central Auxiliary recruiting station, relieving Sergeant Charles H. Booth, General Service infantry, according to orders received this afternoon by Sergeant Booth from Major James F. McKinley in charge of the Omaha recruiting district.

Sergeant Booth, after turning over to Sergeant Major Black all the property and records pertaining to the recruiting station, has been ordered to proceed to Omaha. Sergeant Booth, it is stated, will be sent to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and placed in charge of the Central Auxiliary Recruiting station there.

Major McKinley is major of the 11th Cavalry and has been ordered to report and assume his duties with the 11th Cavalry on September 1. Major McKinley was recently promoted from the rank of captain to major.

Mitt Blanche Morris of Harris, Mo., niece of L. H. Highland, arrived Monday for a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Highland.

Table with 3 columns: County, 1916 Value, 1917 Value. Lists values for Box Butte, Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Scotta Bluff, Grant, Banner, Morrill, Garden, Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Keith, Cherry, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, McPherson, Logan.

Horses, Mules, Cattle, Automobiles

The following statement shows the number in the state of four different items, horses, mules, cattle and automobiles, in 1916 and 1917, the total assessed value for each year and the gain or loss. Attention is called again to the fact that the valuations given here are only one-fifth of the real value. In order to get the actual value multiply by five:

Table with 4 columns: Item, Number, Assessed Value, Average. Rows for Horses (1917, 1916, Loss), Mules (1917, Loss), Cattle (1917, 1916, Gain), Automobiles (1917, 1916, Gain).

There will be supplementary reports from some county assessors, so that figures above given for the state will be increased somewhat, but it is not probable the amount of increase will be large.

2,732,412 CATTLE IN NEBRASKA

Nearly 300,000 More Than Last Year Reported by County Assessors—Average Value Increased

LIVE STOCK AND AUTOMOBILES

Every Western Nebraska County Shows Fine Increase in Total Valuation of Property

The report of Secretary O. E. Bernecker of the State Board of Equalization, compiled from the reports of county assessors for the year 1917, contains much information that is of interest to Nebraskans. Not the least interesting item was the increase of 288,652 in the number of head of cattle. This certainly will be a surprise to those people, if any there are, who thought the number of cattle in Nebraska was decreasing in recent years.

The system of assessing in Nebraska, under which property is listed at only one-fifth of its true value, does an injustice to the state in showing its wealth and the value of the different classes of property. The total assessed valuation of all assessable property in Nebraska this year is \$529,144,738, which means that the true value is five times that much.

There are some other things to be taken into consideration, also, in trying to arrive at the full value of all property in the state. There is always more or less property that escapes the vigilance of the assessors. Another fact worth considering is that if property is assessed too low there is not much probability that there will be any complaint and it is probable that a considerable amount of property is assessed at even less than one-fifth of its true value. Another large item of property in this state that does not show on the tax list is the school land which is not assessed, but the value of which runs into many thousands of dollars; also, non-income producing property used for religious and charitable purposes is not assessed; so that while the report of the assessors shows property in the state amounting to upwards of three billions of dollars, those reports do not include nearly all of the wealth of the state.

It is fair to say that if all the property in Nebraska were listed at a fair valuation, it would show wealth within the bounds of the state exceeding that mark. Here-with we give an extract from the report compiled by the secretary of the State Board of Equalization governing the state as a whole. Readers of The Herald will be especially interested in the following figures regarding some of the counties in northwestern Nebraska:

1916 and 1917 Compared In the following named counties we give first the assessed value for 1917, followed by 1916, and then the gain of this year over last. In order to get the correct or true values it will be necessary to multiply these numbers by five:

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