

ASSESSORS GIVE AID TO THRIFT CAMPAIGN WORK

Completing in two days a session that was expected to last for three, the annual meeting of the county assessors, which was convened in this city on Thursday, adjourned yesterday. The last event was an automobile ride in five motor cars around the valley. The meetings were held at the Hotel Adams and with the exception of one, every county assessor was present. One was represented by his deputy. The following assessors were present: J. A. Miner, Apache county; E. A. Hughes, Cochise; J. D. Dunn, Coconino; William G. Duncan, Gila; J. Myron Alford, Graham; J. H. Kerby, Greenlee; J. T. Bone, Maricopa; F. I. Hunt, Mohave; W. L. Gardner, Navajo; L. E. Smith, Pima; George E. Truman, Pinal; Victor J. Wager, Santa Cruz; C. E. Gentry, Yavapai; A. H. Ming, Yuma. Uniformity of value in taxing was

the theme of the conference of the assessors and the state tax commission. They also considered the advisability of raising the assessments on personal property. One of the most important things that occurred at the meeting was the agreement by the assessors that they would lower the assessment on range cattle from \$29 to \$27 a head. They agreed also to raise the assessment on sheep from \$6 to \$7.50 a head. On Thursday night the assessors were the guests of State Tax Commissioner Rudolph Kuchler at a theater party at the Elks. The assessors were the guests of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at the Hotel Adams on Friday noon. Others present at the luncheon were former Governor Thomas E. Campbell, State Auditor Jesse Boyce, Tax Commissioners C. M. Zander and Rudolph Kuchler, Senator Fred T. Colter, Clarence Standage, T. D. Shaugnessy, J. R. Loftis, S. E. Jordan, D. J. Grace, A. T. Esgate, Dwight B. Heard, Edward F. Parker, Webb Griffin, E. Allyn Lewis, J. C. Norton, W. S. Thomson, P. K. Lewis, E. J. Bennett, Emil Gans, T. W. McDevitt, Harry R. Tritle, H. Clay Parker, Warren McArthur, Roy S. Goodrich, J. B. Cook, Lin R. Orme and others. Dwight B. Heard presided at the luncheon and welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city. C. M. Zander, state tax commissioner told of the work done during the session of National Tax

Conference and stated that Arizona had been referred to in most complimentary terms because of its admirable system of taxing in use. George E. Truman, assessor of Pinal county, and chairman of the assessors' association, enlisted every assessor in the state in the work of the war savings thrift campaign. Through the means of a resolution which was unanimously adopted he commended the government's plan and pledged the individual and collective support of the members of the organization. The resolution mentioned the support of the association and that each assessor would purchase not less than \$100 worth of war savings stamps during the year. The assessors voted their thanks to the Phoenix people for their kind treatment during the meeting and to the tax commission, stating that it cemented the kindest of feelings between the two bodies. After going on record as favoring Salt Lake City as the meeting place for the 1918 meeting of the National Tax conference, the assessors adjourned.

SOLDIER TELLS OF ENCAMPMENT

An interesting letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Harris from their son, Leon Harris, formerly of this city but now at Camp Worden. He tells interestingly of the supplies given the soldier, and of his work, in the following letter: Dear Mother and Dad: Received two letters from you today. It don't seem lonesome here for the men are all such fine fellows. It is just like going to college, for we learn something new every day. It has been raining every day, but we don't go out in it. We drill eight hours a day and I like it fine. We get up at 5:45 o'clock every morning and take 15 minutes exercise before breakfast. I get the balance of my clothes and things tomorrow. I will have two pair of shoes, 10 pair of socks, four pair of shoe strings, two pair of trousers, two coats, five pair of drawers, five undershirts, one belt, two hat cords, two shirts, four sheets, two pillow cases, two mattress covers, two blankets, one rifle, one bayonet, one trunk, one field kit, one comb, one hair brush, one tooth brush, one toilet soap, two towels, one pair overalls, one hat and one coat. We are near the Canadian border and can see Victoria on a clear day. We got here on Sunday and on Monday they had target practice with the big guns, which they only have about twice a year, so we were in luck. We could see the shells strike about seven or eight miles out in the water. Believe me, the enemy had better stay out of here. There is more to learn in this branch of the service than any other, for we learn every thing in the coast artillery corps, the field artillery and in the infantry. They are drilling us pretty hard now. Want to have us ready to do guard duty by Christmas. Am hoping to get to go to France soon. You might send me a copy of The Republican once in a while. Well I must go to bed and study some rules before lights are out at 9 o'clock. The boys are having a good time singing. Good night. My best to everyone. LEON HARRIS, Second Co., Puget Sound, Coast Artillery Co., Fort Worden.

ATHLETICS FOR ALL, NOT FEW, IS PLAN NOW URGED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—That athletics in every form conducive to preserving all that is stimulating and productive of physical development among the students in American colleges should be encouraged and maintained, was the unanimous opinion of the delegates to the twelfth annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic association, which was held here today. Representatives of more than 50 universities and colleges took part in the discussions. Letters from Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels were read at the afternoon session and tonight by a unanimous vote, the following recommendations were adopted. "Resolved, that we recommend to all educational institutions, collegiate and secondary: "First, that athletic sports be made subservient to the work of military preparation and be made, therefore, an essential factor in military training. "Second, that intercollegiate and interscholastic schedules be arranged for so long a time and so far as national and local conditions permit, that all possible encouragement be given to the development of intra-mural sports with a view to promoting the participation of all students. "Third, that professional coaching and expenses incidental thereto, be reduced to a minimum. "Fourth, that there be no pre-season coaching or practice, no scouting except at a public intercollegiate contest, and no training table. "Fifth, that the number of officials at intercollegiate games and their fees be kept as low as possible. "Sixth, that this association reaffirms its belief in the eligibility rules which it has already endorsed, including the freshman rule, and therefore recommends that there be no lowering of eligibility standards during the present crisis. "A resolution recommending that colleges and secondary schools, so far as possible, take up military rifle practice as part of athletic training, also was adopted. All of the officers of the association were re-elected for another term. Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels endorsed encouragement of college athletics on such lines as to benefit all students in letters to the association. The primary purpose of college athletics, the secretary declared, is a large number of sound bodies rather than a small number of athletic specialists. "The military usefulness of this was obvious, he said, but was further fortified by all those considerations which lead to our national strength as based upon vigorous manhood. "The call, insistent and imperative, soon will come to all young men under 31 years of age," Mr. Daniels wrote. "They are now thinking about the duty for them. Most colleges have added military instruction and with this training, college athletics will make the youth fit for service, call for strength and ability to endure hardship. "Softness is incompatible with efficient military service. In every branch college men are proving that in modern education a sound body must go with a sound mind."

HERE'S YOUR HAT; CHANGES COMING IN STATE OFFICE

"What detained you?" Thomas Maddock, state engineer, thus saluted Lamar Cobb as the latter entered the office of the engineer at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to take over that office as the new appointee of Governor Hunt. With little formality the transfer was made, the earlier date being at the request of Mr. Maddock. Numerous changes are expected to take place in the state engineer's staff as the result of the change in officials. Earl Parker, locating engineer for the highway department, now engaged in locating a line from Superior to Miami, probably will be one of the few to remain. E. P. Adams, formerly chief clerk for Mr. Cobb in the highway department, now salesman for a large Los Angeles commission house, will probably take the place of Andrew Baumert as chief clerk. T. F. Nichols, office engineer for the past six years under both administrations, is likely to remain. It is expected that E. M. Atwood will return to his former position as assistant engineer acting under the central office in Maricopa county, and also that J. S. Barlow who has been in charge of new bridge construction across the Sacramento at Clifton will become division engineer. J. C. Ryan, division engineer in Cochise county, also county engineer and in charge of the new million dollar bond issue expenditure in that county, probably will go. Frank R. Goodman is likely to be returned to the office of division engineer in the five northern counties. He also is county engineer of Cochise county. S. K. Baker, formerly with the reclamation service and who has been looking after the new department of right-of-ways, probably will sever his connection with the office. J. P. DeSousa likely will succeed Engineer Barnum in the work between Globe and Roosevelt. It is expected that the forces under Bert Wither in charge of construction of the Florence bridge since the beginning of this work will remain. J. P. Fraser, in charge of the 50 miles of construction which will connect roads already built between Tucson and Nogales, will go in company with the general foreman, captain of the guard and others at Clifton.

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TWELVE ENTER IN MOTOR CONTESTS

Some of the fastest cars in Arizona are expected to take part in what promises to be the biggest sporting event ever held in the state, when a fine program of automobile and motorcycle events will be staged at the state fair grounds, New Year's afternoon. Twelve entries have already been made, and others have been assured. Only Arizona machines and drivers are permitted to enter in either the automobile or the motorcycle events. The program which will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock includes some novel features. A motorcycle jumping contest, which is exceptionally hazardous, will be staged for the first time in Phoenix. Several local motorcycle enthusiasts have already entered this event and are trying out daily. An Australian pursuit race is another feature. The main event is the 50 mile free-for-all, for which a purse of \$1000 is offered. The money is to be split, \$500 and \$500. A 25-mile free-for-all is another event scheduled for the afternoon. Besides the motorcycle jumping event, a 5 mile free-for-all is scheduled for stock machines.

APACHE COUNTY MISS ALL RIGHT

Not content to remain at home, safe and sound, when so much is being done in the world and so many people needed for the doing, Miss Jessie V. De Fries asks for an opportunity to do something for her country, and she isn't particular what that something is. Miss Jessie is an Apache county girl college writes from her home in St. John to Colonel Fred S. Breen asking him to place her where she is needed. A nurse, if they say so, but she is willing, and rather prefers to do other work. Following is her letter: "I am willing and able to enter the service during the present crisis and write to you to ask whether or not there is a position I could fill other than a nurse. But in case there is no other position open to women, I would offer to go as a nurse and would go as soon as needed. "At present I am engaged at teaching school which will last until some time in May and would like to finish the term unless it is that I would be needed to enlist right away. "Please write me and advise me what to do. "Very truly yours, "JESSIE V. DE FRIES. "Among the scores and scores of letters relating to slackers, deserters and other non-patriots received by Colonel Breen, this one from Jessie comes as a pleasant visitor. "There is a girl who is all right," commented the colonel. Do not wait till tomorrow—phone that WANT AD. to The Republican and dispose of, or get what you want.