

### County Court.

The regular April term of our county court was held last week and the court also thought they might be a busy set, trying to equalize the assessment of property for 1918 taxes, but in this they were somewhat disappointed as the state board had not yet completed its work and will not do so until the 15th inst., at which time the county court expects to meet as a board of equalization.

The state board is not a unit as to the assessment on cash value basis, the state auditor being the only member of the board that is disposed to stand by the governor and the state tax commission, and unless one of the other three, the attorney general, secretary of state and state treasurer, come over to the governor's position, it is likely that the 100 cents on the dollar valuation will likely be beaten and things in this line, and the governor's pet hobby, and also the hobby of Cornelius Roach, et al., will be beaten, and the assessment will be turned back to where they used to be.

Prosecuting Attorney Tibbels reported the following fees as due his office, but uncollected: Rouch Louder, Dave Adams, Henry Adams, \$5 each. He reported the following fees collected: Joe Dodge, Bert Stuart, W. E. Hughes, \$10 each; Emmett Cottrell, Bones Roberts, George Rundle, Bob Asher, Jesse Cordrey, Owen Bridgman, George Cook, Mike Aiden, \$5 each.

Arch Sharp was named as overseer for district 11, and Joe Mitchell for district 53.

J. H. Peret, county highway engineer was directed to furnish the court with a list of the condition of the steel bridges in the county needing repairs; new steel bridges; miscellaneous repairs and billings; concrete culverts and pipe culverts, and pipe culverts, together with estimate of costs, with his recommendations as to what action should be taken by the court for such repairs or improvements of same.

The state auditor was authorized to draw his warrant for salary of county superintendent of schools.

J. H. Peret, county highway engineer filed plat and report of survey of proposed public road petitioned for by W. J. Brown, L. L. Fields, et al; petitioners tender payment of \$40 to J. F. Rhodes in full payment for all damages for right-of-way.

Alex Vanhuskirk, chief probation officer of the county, filed his report of Melvin R. Francis G., Lydia E. and Elsie E. Schreffler, and they are committed to the Children's Home Society of Missouri.

The road petition of Elsie Hardman, S. H. Fleener, et al, was dismissed.

Sheriff B. E. Crouser filed his quarterly report of fees collected for quarter ending March 31, 1918—total \$706.40.

### The Next Call.

Approximately 150,000 men will be sent to training camps during the five-day period beginning Friday, April 26, under orders sent to state governors by the Provost-Marshal General for mobilization of the April call of the second draft. The monthly quota is based on the calling of 800,000 men over a period of nine months.

Calling out of the increased number was made necessary by the decision of President Wilson to respond without delay to the need of France and Great Britain for reinforcements in the great battle of Picardy. Vacancies in national army divisions resulting from the withdrawal of men to complete national guard and regular army units and for the formation of special technical units asked by General Pershing will be made good by the April draft. Those divisions farthest advanced in training are to receive first attention in order that the maximum number of complete units may be sent abroad soon.

When a basis for establishing state quotas has been found, due credit against future increment will be given for those already called. Among the men to be called will be approximately 116,700 whites and 37,700 negroes. Pennsylvania leads with 10,965 called; Ohio is second with 10,302, and New York third with 10,171.

Missouri's quota under this call will be 4,078; Kansas, 1,978; Nebraska, 1,460.

### What It Costs.

A detail which throws interesting light on the war's colossal cost is found in the statement that our government spends approximately \$156 in equipping every infantryman for service in France. A little calculation will show what it will cost to prepare a million or a million and a half men for the front. The equipment expenditures for the foot soldiers are classified under three heads: Clothing, eating utensils and fighting equipment. Under the latter group the rifle, the cost of which is figured at \$19.50, is the most expensive item. This amount varies from time to time. The gas mask, which also varies in price somewhat, is estimated at \$12, and 100 cartridges at \$5. The total cost of the clothing is slightly over \$100, the biggest items being \$18.75 for three wool blankets, \$14.92 for one overcoat, \$15.20 for two wool service coats, and \$10.20 for two pairs of shoes. In all, there are 23 different kinds of articles listed under clothing. In the eating-utensil group are included food to be carried in the haversack during field service, a mess kit and cover, canteen cup, knife, fork, spoon, meat can, haversack, first-aid kit, and a pouch costing approximately \$7.70.

### NOTICE TO READER.

When you finish reading this paper, place a 1-cent stamp on this notice, mail the paper, and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers or sailors destined to proceed over-seas. No Wrapping—No Address. A. S. BURLIFSON, Postmaster-General.

### You Are Welcome.

The Northwest Missouri I. O. O. F. Association will hold its semi-annual session in this city today, Friday, and representatives from all over this part of the state will be present, and preach the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Conspicuous characters of the order in the state are expected to be present, and take part in the proceedings. It should be made a holiday by every Odd Fellow in this section, and our citizens should extend the glad hand of welcome to these representative citizens and delegates of a great benevolent order, who have come within our gates.

Communities are largely measured by the cordiality and welcome extended visitors who come within their gates, and they go away with either pleasant recollections or regrets, and we hope our people will send these delegates homeward bound with fond recollections of their visit to one of the oldest and most progressive cities of its size in the Platte Purchase.

Their welcome will be sincere on the part of Oregon lodge, one of the oldest in the state, having been in existence for 63 years. None of its charter members or its original initiates are living today—all have answered their final summons.

Oregon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the citizens of Oregon in general bid you a sincere hearty welcome, wishing your stay may be as pleasant to you as your coming has been pleasing and gratifying to them.

### The Marriage Record.

Recorder Andrew Dankers did a fairly good business during March in equipping parties with the necessary legal documents to permit them to unite their lives for better or for worse, having issued nine marriage licenses during the month.

Anno, Gerald W., and Mary F. Clift, both of Forest City, March 3, by Elder B. H. Dawson.

Bantz, Wilmer B., of Mound City, and Elizabeth D. Meyer, of Oregon, March 28, by Rev. C. F. Hand.

Elder, Earl, and Edna Gilliland, both of Mound City, March 30, by John H. Steele, J. P.

Elton, Fred, of Mound City, and Ella Talley, of Trenton, Mo., in St. Joseph, March 7.

Johnson, Alvin L., of Beatrice, Neb., and Alma Wellman, of Craig, March 3, by Rev. P. T. Schmidt.

Johnston, Frank J., of Maitland, and Edith Foster, of Bethany, Mo., in St. Joseph, March 7.

Lowe, John, of Seattle, Wash., and Mary E. Lowe, of Craig, March 30, by Rev. Leonard P. Parker.

Miller, George S., of Oregon, and Ella Pierce, of Kansas City, March 3, by F. S. Rostock, J. P.

Norris, Clifford R., and Elsie Kunkel, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, March 21.

Richmond, Louis, of Maitland, and Lindell Brown, of Oregon, March 2, by Harry M. Dungan, Probate Judge.

Raiser, Alfred and Nora V. Sipes, both of Oregon, in St. Joseph, March 20.

Smith, John D., of Bigelow, and Ella Thomas, of Craig, March 10, by John H. Steele, J. P.

Booe, William Washington, and Lulu Belle Gallop, both of Mound City, March 6, by Rev. Karl T. Davis.

### May Petit Jury.

The county court at its session last week drew the following to serve as petit jurors for the coming May term of our circuit court:

Bigelow—John Gresham.

Benton—W. H. Weightman, D. B. Comer, Wm. Erwin, Elvis Meadows.

Clay—Frank Appleman, J. H. Chambers, M. W. Brumbaugh.

Forbes—W. H. Sparks, A. O. McIntyre.

Forest—A. O. Williams, L. P. Watson.

Hickory—Charley Kurtz.

Lewis—H. S. Teare, H. E. Kreck, Albert Markt.

Liberty—A. W. Nauman, George Miles.

Lincoln—Len Walter.

Minton—Geo. Hopper.

Nodaway—J. E. Taylor.

Union—W. B. Fitzgerald, Edgar Gray, Andy Haer.

### Takes Charge of Canteens.

At the request of General Pershing, the Y. M. C. A. has taken charge of all the American canteens in France and has sent Herbert L. Pratt, vice-president of the Standard Oil Co., "over there" to reorganize the canteen service. Prices will be fixed so as to be the same at all canteens, and everything soldiers want to buy will be placed on sale. Alex N. McFayden, of Detroit, general superintendent of a chain of 185 canteens will be director general of canteens in France. Sales amounting to \$4,000,000 were made at the 350 Y. M. C. A. canteens in France during the month of December. Several hundred additional canteens will be provided.—Trench and Camp.

—Mrs. S. A. Meyer, of Forbes township, was a St. Joseph visitor for a couple of days, this week.

## Your Choice? bonds or bondage?

### Will you lend your money and be free - or hoard it now and pay it out in Tribute when Liberty is lost?

#### Over The Top.



The Liberty Loan soliciting committee of Lewis township, the men under the direction of Dr. J. C. Whitmer, township chairman, and the ladies in charge of Mrs. Albert Markt, township chairman, started out bright and early last Saturday morning, April 6, by 1 p. m., the quota for Lewis township had been passed, and by 6 p. m., had been exceeded by more than \$12,000. Subscriptions are still coming in. Comparatively only a few of this township have yet subscribed.

The subscriptions will continue until May 4. By that time it is expected that there will not be one in Lewis township, who is able to subscribe, whose name will be absent from the honor roll. Lewis township is now in the lead in the county, but other townships are working hard, determined to overtake our township. We want to still continue in the lead, and before the drive is over, Lewis township ought to and will have more than doubled the quota assigned to it. The chairmen and the soliciting committees are very grateful to the people of this township for the magnificent response to their efforts.

Every subscriber to the Third Liberty Loan will be entitled to a button, and a window flag, which they can proudly display as badges of Loyalty, an dthey should be displayed by every subscriber, so that those who have not subscribed can be easily identified.

#### His Last Roll Call.

Wm. D. Lukens, a veteran of the Civil War, the kindly Christian gentleman, neighbor and friend, died at his home, west of this city, on the Oregon-Forest City road, early Sunday morning, April 7th, in his 75th year of age, his death resulting from a stroke of paralysis, which came to him on the Friday previous to his death.

He was the son of E. B. and Asaeh Lukens, and was one of a family of eleven children, five boys and six girls—of this family, only one sister and two brothers survive.

The deceased was born in Carroll county, Ohio, December 6, 1843, and when a lad of six summers moved with his parents to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he grew to young manhood on a farm, receiving a common school education, and when the call came to defend the Union, he answered, and with an older brother, enlisted in the 80th Ohio Infantry, serving in the army of the Tennessee, and took part in the battle of luka and other battles. He was later discharged on account of disability; recovering, he entered high school and took a Normal course, and taught a number of successful terms of school. In 1864 he again enlisted in the 170th Ohio Infantry and took part in the Shenandoah Valley campaigns, and served throughout until the close of the war, and again taught school in various counties of his native state.

In 1867 he came to Caldwell county, Missouri, where he engaged in teaching. On April 13, 1871, he married Catherine Cooper, and to them were born two children, Willard C. of Thurman, Colorado, and the second dying in infancy. Mrs. Lukens died October 4, 1874. He continued to teach and preach the gospel as a licensed minister, and was ordained as a

#### Reclassification.

The district draft board has made a reclassification of those assigned to other classes besides that of A1, and has so notified the local board, assigning the following to Class A1, and these have been notified and are now being examined:

- Cassius Hayes Peters.
- R. T. Dobyns.
- John Henry Thompson.
- Charley O. Colwell.
- Sherman Osburn.
- Homer Henry.
- Reed Bailey.
- Earl Raymond Dreher.
- Berlin Ford.
- Roid Wright.
- Ralph Emerson.
- Dwight Lyman Sandell.
- Frederick Andrew Ernsing.
- Bryan L. Schaffer.
- Ernest K. Thompson.
- Ezekiel Ward Headley.
- Charles Edward Reed.
- Horace E. Larkham.
- John Ludwig Martz.
- Lewis Elijah Baker.
- Donald Shaw.
- Clemence Schroeder.
- Otha Hinkle.
- George Heaton.
- Ray D. Strickler.
- Namuel Luther Sipes.
- Ernie Ernsing.
- Noah J. Cooner.
- Joseph Leuz.
- Ray Edwin Meyer.
- Joseph L. Hopper.
- Walter Metzger.
- Harry Edwards.
- Clifford Dunmihoo.
- Henry Derr.
- Raymond Bender.
- Leonard H. Thieman.
- Wm. Edward Henning.
- Albert Wesley Hicks.
- Richard Kreek.
- Chester Johnson Schank.
- Clarence Vore.
- Presley Hicks.
- Hugh Pennel.
- Dale Watson.
- Fred Markt.
- Homer Stull.
- Joseph Kuehn.
- Edward F. Mead.
- Charles A. Wallace.
- George Borchers.
- Jess Franklin Mallon.
- Arthur Womack.
- George W. Ramsey.
- Ralph W. Ramsey.
- Harry A. Rowland.
- George Benner.
- Walter J. Combs.
- Chas. P. Clark.
- Robert A. Brown.
- Hanson Guire.
- Harry M. Adams.
- Charles H. Morris.
- Frank Down.
- Ralph Minshall.
- John F. Hopper.
- Walter Waggoner.
- Frank Comer.
- Walter Herman Sommer.

#### The I. O. O. F. Convention.

The convention of the Odd Fellows Association of Northwest Missouri will be held here this (Friday), April 12, 1918, and representatives of 121 lodges are expected to be present. An open session will be held at the M. E. church this (Friday) afternoon, to which the public is invited to be present. Addresses will be delivered by prominent members of the order, and a musical program will be furnished by the Forest City lodge quartette, solo by Mrs. Bridgman.

#### Morning Session

- 10:00—Meet in Oregon Hall, I. O. O. F., No. 54.
- Invocation, Elder B. H. Dawson.
- Appointment of Committees.
- Roll Call of Officers.
- Secretary's Report of Last Meeting.
- Communications.
- Bills Read and Referred.
- 12:00—Dinner.
- 1:30—Band Concert.

#### Afternoon Session

- (At M. E. Church, to which the general public is cordially invited.)
- 2:30—Prayer by N. A. Moffit, Chaplain of the Association.
- Forest City Quartette.
- Address of Welcome, Hon. S. P. O'Fallon.
- Response, E. G. Frazier, President of the Association.
- Solo, Mrs. R. B. Bridgeman.
- Address, Hon. Wm. E. Spratt.
- Quartette.
- Address, Ben Weidle, Secretary of Grand Lodge.
- Song.
- Benediction, Rev. C. F. Hand.
- Adjourn to Court House.

#### Reports of Committees.

- Election of Officers.
- Selection of Next Meeting Place.
- Supper.

#### Evening Session

- 7:30—Degree Work.
- Second Degree, Shady Beach Lodge, No. 408.
- Third Degree, Craig Lodge, No. 211.
- Good of the Order.

—We are very glad to report the improved condition of Mrs. Lou Schulte.

—L. I. Moore has sold his farm of 105 acres, one mile west of Oregon, known as the Brodbeck place, to D. N. ("Toed") Garner, for \$18,240.

—Andy Tochterman, after a long struggle with typhoid fever, is now able to get out of doors and come up town, and like the old woman in viewing the corpse of her husband, remarked, "He looks so natural." It looks natural to see Andy around again, and he has many friends that are as glad to see him out and around, as he is to get out.

#### BY HIS OWN HAND.

**Ernest Cook, Disappointed in Business Affairs, Takes His Own Life, Using Revolver.**

Ernest Cook, of Mound City, aged about 42 years, residing at Mound City, took his own life while lying in bed at his home, Tuesday morning, between ten and eleven o'clock, April 9, 1918, using a revolver, and sending the ball through the right temple.

He had been engaged in the granite business, and having made several good sales, was disappointed in delivery, and this seemed to so depress him that in a temporary fit of despondency over these business affairs, he was led to do the deed.

"Ernie" Cook had a host of friends; they liked him because of his congeniality and companionship. He was born in Oregon, in the old Wm. Cook home that stood on the ground now occupied by Charles Anselment, on April 27, 1876, and here he grew to manhood. His earlier life he spent as a blacksmith, but of late years he has been in the granite business at Mound City.

February 2, 1903, he married Miss Ollie Hmatt, of Oregon, and have one daughter, Maudine, age 13, who with the mother, survives. He is also survived by four brothers—Henry C., of Oregon; Joseph E., of Belle Fourche, S. D.; James A. and William, of Spearfish, S. D.; three sisters—Mrs. Minnie Sall and Mrs. Nettie Peters, of California, and Mrs. Jennie Willard, of Spearfish, S. D.

The body was brought to Oregon, Friday, and laid away in the family lot beside his parents, who died here many years ago, the funeral services being held at the family home in Mound City, on Friday, conducted by Rev. Lane Douglas, of the M. E. church.

He was a member of the W. O. W. lodge, of Mound City, and this order had charge of the funeral.

#### Third Liberty Loan.

Saturday last, April 6, marks the first anniversary of the United States entry into the war, and in honor of this event the third American Liberty loan was launched, and is now in full swing. In announcing the date of this financial campaign, the secretary of the treasury has stated that April 6 will forever be consecrated as a great day in American history, and that it is singularly appropriate that the opening of our second year of war should be celebrated by a third loan drive.

When the secretary of the treasury made his first call for bond buying it was a great novelty so far as the American people were concerned. They responded to the call in a way that fairly swamped the treasury department. And both former campaigns resulted in the refusal of the government to take millions of dollars that were proffered by the people. This meant a vast deal of wasted energy. Had there been some way provided for expanding the loan so as to take all the money offered, it would have saved a great deal of disappointment. Not only this, but it would have saved money. The experience in both England and France has been that each new loan must be made additionally attractive. Higher and higher interest is provided. If their original loans had been made large enough they would have absorbed a larger amount of private funds at lower cost to the governments. This is a lesson from which the United States could profit even now. For nobody can foresee how many more loans will have to be called for. With the war costing a billion dollars a month, the April loan probably will be followed by another in mid-summer.

The third loan will be welcomed by the people. There is no question about an aroused Americanism that is determined to see the war through at whatever cost. Americans realize now that if they do not lend their money to the government the war will be lost, and that in such an event money will be of little avail in meeting the tremendous burdens of foreign confiscation and indemnities.

So our Secretary of the Treasury has said the word, "On with the Third Liberty Loan," and the American people, and Holt county is a part of the American people, will most cheerfully respond. With deposits in the various banks of the county to the credit of the people of \$4,061,374—or equivalent to \$280 per capita, for every man, woman and child in the county, there is no reason why Holt county's quota of the third loan should not be promptly raised, and we have abiding faith that it will.

#### St. Joseph Presbytery.

The Presbytery of the Presbyterian church is in session in our city, holding its session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of this week. We hope for a full report of the session for our next issue. This old historic religious organization came into being as an organization, on New Year's Day, 1857, and in April, 1867, the first Presbytery was held here with the Oregon church. Among the other early Presbyteries held here, were in February, 1859; June, 1871; September, 1880; April, 1883, and October, 1895.

—Another detachment to fill the quota for this county under the second call of draft, composed of Roy Kurtz and Glenn Fritzer, and Frank Ward, of Craig, will leave here for Camp Funston, Saturday or Sunday next, April 13-14. From there they will go to either Ames, Iowa, or St. Louis, for training in the school of mechanics.