

SENATE SLAPS IRRIGATION OF ARID DISTRICT

SENATE MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING FOR IRRIGATION AID IS KILLED.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION PLAN UP TO WITH COMBE

Uniform System of Accountancy Also Killed — Compulsory Vaccination Bill is Defeated and Medical School Appropriation is Indefinitely Postponed in the House.

Salem, Feb. 18.—The house refused today to concur in the senate amendment to the compensation bill.

Salem, Feb. 18.—The senate refused today to memorialize congress to urge the secretary of the interior to urge an appropriation of \$400,000 for expenditure on Central Oregon irrigation project, on condition that the 1917 legislature appropriate a similar amount.

The senate passed the permanent registration law today and it now goes to the governor. The senate killed Moser's compulsory vaccination bill and the house passed a bill abolishing the uniform accountancy system. The lower body also indefinitely postponed the bill appropriating \$10,000 for construction of the buildings for the medical department of the state university.

PERRY CLUB FORMED.

Social Organization Perfected and Plans for Year Drafted.

Perry, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Wednesday evening the reorganization of the Perry Social club took place. The organization perfected consisted of a president, manager and treasurer, and the officers to fill these positions were elected as follows:

Fred R. Peterson, president; Harry Hansen, manager; Geo. W. Perry, treasurer.

The club is now in perfect shape to conduct the socials in a satisfactory manner.

A large number of the young people of Perry attended the annual ball given by the Moose lodge Tuesday evening.

Victor Holmes who recently underwent an operation for throat trouble is now recovering rapidly.

DIRECTORS TO MEET.

Important Business Relative to County Fair Will Be Heard.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Union county fair association will be held here tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of organizing and laying plans for the fair next fall. This will be the first meeting of the board since their selection and their action with regard to the fair is awaited with interest.

K. OF P. PLANS MADE.

Train to Leave La Grande Saturday at 3:30 P. M. Sharp.

All details have been worked out for the special Knights of Pythias train which will carry La Grande, Elgin and Union Knights to the district convention at Enterprise next Saturday. It will pick up Wallawa Knights on arrival there. The train will leave La Grande promptly at 3:30 in the afternoon, and will arrive at Enterprise at 7 P. M. On the return trip it will leave immediately after the convention and should be in La Grande by morning.

They are All Her Boys.

Indianapolis, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Emma Ellis received another letter today from one of her boys. She gets letters of this kind every day and answers them quickly. The letters are from boys in the navy who have no mothers, and they write to mothers in Indianapolis who have adopted the young blue-jackets by mail.

The idea came to Mrs. Ellis half a year ago, but no one save the mothers, commanding officers in the navy training camps and the sailors themselves knew about it until today, for Mrs. Ellis did not seek publicity.

"I knew how lonesome motherless boys in the navy must be," said Mrs. Ellis. "I wrote to several commanding officers in the navy training stations asking for names of boys who have no mothers and who would like to correspond. The list has steadily grown. I never choose a mother to write to these boys until I have learned to know her personally as a good Christian woman, well educated, who can feel deeply. She must be an accomplished letter writer—one who can really inspire the boy given over to her."

Mrs. Ellis has many letters from commanding officers who say she is starting a work that should spread throughout the country. These letters have come from the Atlantic and Pacific.

RUSSIANS NOW IN BERLIN—IN PRISON

LETTERS FROM GERMAN CITIZEN PICTURES CONDITIONS.

Writer Recalls Alleged One-sided Neutrality on Part of Some American Citizens.

O. L. Wall, of the Oregon Grocery Co., has received two letters from his brother in Germany during the last few days. His brother being connected with a government telegraph service, having for many years had access to the news department, possibly as well informed on conditions there as any one outside of diplomatic circles. He writes under date of January 8, as follows:

"It is indeed heartrending to see the wounded and dying as they come to our cities from the battle-front. We feel however, that God is with us and that our successes will materialize to a complete victory. The enemy has challenged us and thrust the war upon us and God will not permit the aggressors of this cruel war to go unpunished. God's mills grind slowly but exceedingly fine.

Sons at the Front. "Our son, Alfred will also go to the front, then both of my boys will be in the service. May it be God's will that they return safe and sound. Should they fall in battle they have died a noble death for right and the fatherland.

Early Results Pleasing. "We now have five months of the war behind us and as you know we have been generally successful; and the hopes and plans of the many enemies to crush us with one fell stroke and that the war would be over in a few months to their advantage.

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NEW ZONE IS TRADE INJURY

LA GRANDE MAN QUITS APPLE MARKET HUNT.

E. Z. Carbine Writes He Will Return to La Grande at Once.

Extension of the war zone to French and English waters and the submarine blockade which started today, has hurt Pacific Northwest apple interests. Word received today in the form of a brief note from E. Z. Carbine of Fruitdale who has been in Europe looking after a market for apples from this valley, says Mr. Carbine is returning to La Grande. What manner of success has been his is not indicated, but it is thought new developments in the war zone have cut short further likelihood of shipping apples at present. It is presumed Mr. Carbine will hurry home on the first ship.

LOWER RATE GIVEN.

High School Boys Get Added Inducements—Social Room Under Way.

At a joint meeting of the house committee of the Y. M. C. A. and the committee of the high school members of the association yesterday evening arrangements were made whereby the high school boys who were not satisfied with the limited privileges allowed them under the original membership arrangement can, by the payment of an additional dollar take advantage of all of the privileges accorded the full membership except that of the social room, where none but those over 18 years of age are admitted. This added membership privilege is optional with the high school boys. The regular membership fee will remain at \$3.00 for the high school boys and the extra fee will not yet bring it up to the regular adult membership. This low rate to the boys is made because of the fact that they are attending school and are earning their own money in most cases.

The social room is now open and running at full blast with a great deal of interest manifested in all of the features and especially in the bowling where a number of novices are acquiring the rudiments of the game.

A nice list of magazines now grace the tables and racks in the lobby. This list includes the American Magazine, American Boy, Colliers Weekly, Cosmopolitan, Country Gentleman, Everybody's, Harpers, Literary Digest, Modern Mechanics, Popular Mechanics, Power Wagon, Saturday Evening Post, Sunday School Times, World's Work, Youth's Companion, Munsey's, Ladies Home Journal, Railroad Man's Magazine, The Railroad Trainman, The Railway Conductor, Railway and Locomotive Engineer, Railway Journal, Epworth Herald and a number of newspapers.

Wheat is Not Hurt.

Pendleton, Feb. 18.—Ralph B. McEwen, who has 1300 acres sowed to wheat this year in the section lying between Helix and Athena, was in the city yesterday afternoon and declares that none of the wheat in his locality has been damaged. He is very optimistic over the prospects for the coming season and anticipates a big crop.

BRITISH SHIPPING ONLY SLIGHTLY IMPAIRED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE WAR

SEVERAL STEAMERS LEAVE AMSTERDAM BUT NONE HAVE PUT INTO PORT

GERMANY'S ANSWER FRIENDLY BUT ALSO FIRM

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—Effects of Germany's blockade on British waters was apparent today for not a single ship has reached here since yesterday afternoon. The liners Zuydwyk and Richard sailed for the United States and several others sailed for England while six trawlers sailed for England with cargoes of fish and 10 Danish steamers put to sea carrying foodstuffs. It is feared some of these will fall into German submarine traps.

London, Feb. 18.—Today set for opening of the German blockade on the British Isles, and its submarine war on British merchantmen, dawned cold, wet and gloomy. A driving rain swept the British harbor, but neither it nor the threats of the Kaiser halted shipping. British mariners apparently were not greatly affected by the submarine menace. Every where England is showing supreme confidence in the British navy to protect her merchantmen.

Americans Deemed Safe. Washington, Feb. 18.—The president's views on international situation is optimistic despite the present complications and grave possibilities, it is announced. Germany's war zone announcement is giving officials more concern than anything else, but the president believes it improbable that American ships will be torpedoed.

Arms Embargo Unneutral. An embargo by the United States on exportation of arms to the belligerents would be a completed unneutral act, President Wilson told a committee of women who today presented a petition signed by 28,000 asking for the embargo.

GERMAN REPLY COMES.

Friendly Tone Toward Uncle Sam Runs Throughout Document.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—After having announced that the German reply to America's protest against enlargement of the war zone was ready this morning but would be withheld from

MORROW COUNTY WOMAN IS KILLED IN PENDLETON SHAFT

Pendleton, Feb. 18.—Mrs. John Killenney, wife of a prominent Morrow county sheep man fell four stories down the elevator shaft of the Hotel Pendleton this afternoon and was instantly killed.

According to the operator the woman opened the door and stepped out while the car was in motion. He believes she was either ill or confused.

GENERAL VON SANDERS, TURKISH COMMANDER, AND HIS STAFF.



General Liman von Sanders is the German general in command of the Turkish armies which have been routed by the Russians in the Caucasus Mountains. He was sent to Turkey to continue the German reorganization of the Turkish army before the war. He had served in the German army and in the general staff. At the time of his selection for his present post he had the rank of lieutenant general, and commanded a division.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Phila. Feb. 18.—After serving three weeks in the House of Corrections, and-eyed George Gree today swore he would never wear another pair of suspenders.

While stealing a ride on the roof of a freight car, George slipped and found himself dangling in mid-air held by his suspenders. A passing policeman stopped the train and "pinched" him. He still has nine more weeks to serve, but warns his keepers never to mention suspenders to him.

Minus His Frogs, He Goes to Work. St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 18.—Albert Kreuger, the man who carried 14 frogs in his tummy for several weeks, and found that ten of them were alive when ejected, resumed work today, after being off duty for over two weeks to think it over.

Kreuger is believed by Dr. C. F. Johnson of Winthrop, Minn., who vouches for the story, to have taken frog eggs into his stomach while drinking water. The eggs got into the intestines, where the digestive juice are less severe and there they hatched. They made their way back into the man's stomach, where they created irritations that produced violent pains and nausea, which almost caused Kreuger to have an operation. It was due to a fit of violent nausea that Kreuger ejected the frogs, and ten of them hopped about real lively like on the ground.

Prof. Taft to Speak.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 18.—"Economy and Efficiency in the Federal Government" was to be the subject of an address by former President Taft before the Western New England Chamber of Commerce, at Kimball hotel this evening. Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, president of Dartmouth, also is to speak.

L. HARTSHORN SELLS RANCH

FIVE THOUSAND ACRES BRING HUNDRED THOUSAND.

One of Wallawa County's Biggest Deals Consummated.

Joseph, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—One of the largest deals ever made in Wallawa county was consummated Wednesday. Leslie Hartshorn sold his 5,000 acre stock ranch to H. F. Kelley and G. W. Gildersleeve of Washuena, Washington, for a consideration of \$100,000. Mr. Hartshorn retains possession of the sheep which he intends to run this summer and sell them this fall.

He also gets some land in Washuena county as part payment on the ranch. The new owners do not take possession until the first of July. Mr. Hartshorn has not decided yet as to what he will do when he leaves the ranch.

BATTLE ROYAL TONIGHT.

Pendleton Quint in City to Combat High School Five Here.

What the high school student body has been looking forward to is here—the game between the Pendleton and La Grande basketball fives. Pendleton players arrived today and Coach Livingston will come over this evening.

Pendleton has been sweeping everything before it the past few weeks and La Grande is also at her best right now; results will be a lightning game tonight. It begins at 8 o'clock in the high school gym.

The lineup for Pendleton follows: Peters (captain); 12; Fowler, 2; Selbert, 3; Gordon, 4; Mentzer, 15; Mina, sub.

EXTRA SESSION PLANS DROPPED BY DEMOCRATS

APPROPRIATION BILLS TO GET TEN DAYS' ATTENTION COMMENCING NOW.

FINAL EFFORT RESERVED BY FRIENDS OF WILSON

No Likelihood of Extra Session Now, and When Appropriation Bills Have Been Passed Congress is Again to Take up the Question of Ship Purchase—Wilson Losing Hope.

Washington, Feb. 18.—There will be no extra session of congress. This is the word given out on the highest authority. It is indicated President Wilson is favorable to the plan to allow the Weeks-Gore compromise ship purchase bill to go to conference for about 10 days to permit the passage of both appropriation bills. Afterwards, another attempt will be made to pass the ship purchase bill, but if the Republican filibuster continues, the bill will be abandoned.

BY EDWARD D. BALDWIN.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(Special Observer Correspondence).—It looks less like an extra session of Congress now than it has for a week. However, it is about as difficult to tell what Congress will do as it is to prophecy on the weather here in Washington and that is a question mark as high as the dome on the Capitol. Rumors pro and con fly about so thick and fast here that one gets tired of hearing the words "extra session". Everybody from the president to the man who runs the elevator talks it. It is said that Woodrow Wilson is very much wrought up about having his way in the matter of the ship purchase bill. It is even whispered about today that he used words unbecoming a drawing room last night when discussing the matter with a group of congressional leaders.

While it may be easier to get the ship bill through the next Senate it would undoubtedly be harder to get it through the house in the sixty-fourth Congress. In fact Representative Claude Kitchen of North Carolina who has been chosen as Democratic floor leader to succeed Oscar Underwood is said to have told the president that it would be impossible to get the bill through the House even if an extra session would be called. Up to yesterday it was supposed that there would be no difficulty in getting out the big Democratic house steam roller and hitching the faithful "Muyel" thereto and so snaking the ship purchase bill through this House in two days. But now it is beginning to be feared that it will not be possible to get enough votes to pass the bill even in this House. The defeat of the President in the Senate has made his enemies within his own party, which number is increasing all the time, perk up wonderfully in "dog years" and you often hear a congressman from the South say "Well I'm not going to lose my political skin to help Woodrow Wilson. What has he ever done for me?"

Reports from the Senate today say that that body will be able to clean up all appropriation bills before March fourth. The Democratic leaders are very much against an extra session so there is still possibility of the country having a rest from Congress from March to December. However no one can tell. The situation may change overnight completely. Two days ago most of the dignified senate of the United States were sleeping on lounges and improvised cots in the office of the Secretary of the Senate in the capital as to be on hand if a quorum roll call took place during the wee sma' hours of the night.

The Coming Committee Deal.

The chance of an extra session has caused some talk about Committee assignments for the 64th Congress. As far as the senior member of the Congressional delegation goes—W. C. Hawley it is probable that he will retain his present assignment, viz., Agriculture and Labor. He is working pretty well up on the committee on agriculture and is rated as one of the best informed men along these lines on the whole committee. There is a good chance that if he is still in Congress when the Republicans come back to power that he will be made chairman of this important committee. The only men outranking him in point of seniority are McCoughlin of Michigan, and Haugen of Iowa, neither of whom is as well qualified for the place as Mr. Hawley.

Representative Lafferty retires from Congress on March 4th which leaves a vacancy on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. According to precedent this might be offered to Representative Sinnott or to C. N. McArthur, who will succeed Lafferty. It is doubtful however if

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