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Recently we seldom hear "Only my age keeps me out."

We have been notified from Washington of our election as a member of the Navy League of America. As we understand it, a member of the Navy League does about everything else but go near the water.

It is not to the benefit of certain interests to have Ben Olcott as secretary of state and their attempt with the aid of certain politicians to raise a technicality regarding his tenure of office shows their desire to have him out of the way. Mr. Olcott has been a valuable asset to the people while he has been in the capitol, the extent of which a large number of them do not realize.

A wounded German prisoner, a lad 17 years old, revealed the state of affairs with the enemy when he declared, "the people have quit, but the state fights on." The willingness of the German private to surrender whenever the opportunity presents, the starvation among the civilians coupled with the tyranny of the military rulers, the recent success of the Allies, indicate a near collapse. It cannot be said that a break down will come tomorrow or next month, but the time is rapidly approaching when even the Hun military autocrat must yield to the inevitable.

PERTINENT COMMENT OF THE NATION'S PRESS

BROOKLYN EAGLE: Don't blame the German people for going barefoot this summer. Who would want to be in their shoes?

DALLAS NEWS: Furthermore, if they raise the draft age to 45 it will sound good to hear ourself spoken of as "the old man."

SALEM JOURNAL: Spain is very careful about getting into the war with Germany. Her last venture in that line proved to be plenty for a long time.

KANSAS CITY TIMES: Several more generals who conducted the retreat from the Marne have received their decorations in due form. The decorations this time, however, were tin cans.

FOLKS AND FOIBLES

(By Claude Callan.)

Henry Nimble might not have married Kate if he hadn't gone to her home one Monday morning while she and her mother were washing. Henry had been out of town several days and, when he returned Sunday night, he saw Kate and another girl leaving the church with a young man. Well, of course, Henry had to see her Monday. He had to see her and find out why she had gone with another boy. When he reached her neighborhood he saw one of her brothers a block from the house. The little fellow was pulling a trainload of sand from one side of the street to an important railroad center on the other side. Henry asked him if Kate was at home, and he said: "What do you want with her?" When Henry started on toward the house the boy said: "She can't go anywhere today—she's washing." Although Henry was almost sick because Kate had gone with another fellow, he loved her more than ever when he saw the house that morning. It was the smallest house in the block, but there was something that made it look better than the other houses. The curtains on the windows were prettier. They were fixed different—Kate had fixed them. When Henry raised the rope that fastened the front gate, Kate's baby brother saw him. The baby hurried to the back and told his mamma and sister that Henry was there, but as they couldn't understand what he was saying, they had no idea who was knocking at the door. Kate was not expecting Henry, so she didn't ask her mamma to go to the front. She went herself and Henry saw her at her best. She tried to hide her hair and her shoes, and while she couldn't keep him from seeing the front of her dress, she was glad he couldn't see the back of it. But Henry thought she looked better than she ever had looked at a dance or a party, and, besides, it seemed to him that they really were engaged when he got to see her in the clothes she wore on washday. She explained that the boy took the other girl to church and that they brought her home because she was there alone. Henry was very happy when he left the house, and when he reached the street Kate's little brother said to him: "I know who you are—you're Kate's feller."

Henry Ford sets a fine example to other vastly rich men in his determination to return all personal profits made on war contract work. He states that several other stockholders in his company will probably do the same thing. Ford has set a number of good examples for employers and millionaires, but fortunately for the country keeps formulating more of them.—Salem Journal.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The run of salmon in the Umpqua this year is unusually heavy.

Military drill will be inaugurated this fall in the public schools of Linn county.

Twenty Linn county school districts are yet without teachers for the coming school year.

The Oregon state convention of the Brethren convened at Albany for a session of five days. Almost 100 delegates were present.

Forty-two nominees for office nominated at the primaries last May have failed to file the acceptances, according to Secretary of State Olcott.

Cottage Grove will have free mail delivery, beginning September 2, the postoffice having received orders to make the necessary preparations.

Finding of a badly decomposed body near Powers is believed to solve the mystery of William Dietz' disappearance from Marshfield two weeks ago. Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Red Cross salvage shop in North Bend by representatives of the various women's organizations.

The advance guards of the Indians from the Warm Springs reservation, who come every year to the Willamette valley to pick hops, has arrived in Eugene.

Oregon hens from Oregon Agricultural college are holding first place in each of the three great egg laying contests, Storrs, British Columbia and Pullman.

Joseph Monocco, wanted on a charge of having slain Mary Spina, aged 18, in her home at Portland, was arrested at Vancouver, B. C., and returned to Portland.

Contracts for four more steel vessels of the 3800-ton type have been awarded by the Emergency Fleet corporation to the Albina Engine & Machine works, of Portland.

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' association will hold its annual convention and sangerfest, with hall concerts, in Portland, August 31 and September 1 and 2.

The initiative and referendum pamphlets have been mailed to the electorate of the state. The pamphlets went to approximately 310,000 voters, Secretary Olcott stated.

Union and Wallowa counties have more grouse this year than in many previous years, hunters from over the two counties report. The percentage of young ones is unusually heavy.

According to information received by the Hood River county court, the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier will not be constructed during the period of the war.

Establishment of a twine industry at the state penitentiary is a project to which Governor Withycombe is giving consideration and which probably will be submitted to the legislature.

The Salem branch of the Insurance Federation of Oregon passed resolutions opposed to the government's taking over of the insurance business, as proposed in bills pending before congress.

The August report of E. L. Kent, field agent of the bureau of crop estimates, shows the onion prospects of Oregon at 70 per cent of normal as to condition, in comparison with 80 per cent of a year ago.

At the request of Secretary McAdoo, State Fire Marshal Wells has changed the date of fire prevention day in this state from October 9 to November 2, so that it will not conflict with the liberty loan campaign.

Under the budget of the Hood River Applegrowers' association, just adopted by the directors, a maximum charge of 26 cents per box for apples and 10 cents for pears may be made for handling the fruit the coming year.

Fire, caused either by a short circuit or a break in the power line, burned out three of the large transformers at the Link river power plant of the California-Oregon Power company, with an estimated loss of \$8000.

To offset the hay shortage, which threatens the stockmen of the Klamath district this coming winter, ranchers operating along the shores of the big upper Klamath lake are putting up thousands of tons of wild hay, which has never heretofore been cut.

Immediate construction of a coal storage dock near the municipal elevator at St. Johns was decided upon at a meeting of the Port of Portland commission. Costing between \$50,000 and \$75,000, the new dock is expected to save from 25 to 35 cents a ton in loading the coal on ships in the Portland harbor.

The schools at Creswell, Lane county, will not open until one month later than usual, to permit the boys and girls to assist in the harvesting of crops and especially the prune crop in the orchard owned by L. D. Scarborough, which covers 160 acres and is the largest of its kind in the upper Willamette valley.

All the shipbuilding firms save one, all of the paper and woolen mills and 96 per cent of the firms engaged in the lumber industry will be under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act after September 1, according to a statement issued by the Industrial Accident commission.

The number of industrial accidents reported to the state accident commission during the past week exceeds all previous records. The total number is 691, of which four were fatal, as follows: Joe De Mario, Cochran, logging; Carl Barnard, Buxton, brakeman; George Mall, Portland, shipbuilding; K. Shibata, Cochran, logging.

The Columbia & Nehalem River railroad, which runs from Kerry into the Nehalem valley, wants to advance its rates for forest products. Statements of the officials of the company have been submitted to the Public Service commission of Oregon, showing that the business is being handled at a loss, due to the increased cost of operation.

In response to a demand from educators in many parts of the country, Dr. F. G. Franklin, dean of Albany college, is preparing to write another volume of his work, "The Legislative History of Naturalization in the United States," and bring it down to date. Though it requires a great deal of research work and probably will take a long time, Dr. Franklin will undertake the task.

Although estimates for the various institutions and state activities are practically all in, the state Tax commission postponed final consideration of them until August 23. It is believed the estimates will reach a total of nearly \$10,000,000, about \$3,000,000 above the appropriations of two years ago. It is not believed that the commission will go before the people and ask for such a sum.

Squaw Creek irrigation district, in Crook county, has applied to the state securities commission for certification of \$98,000 of bonds which the district wishes to sell to provide funds to purchase the canals and water rights of the Squaw Creek Irrigation company. Considerable controversy has existed between the district and the company and the district desires to take over the existing canals and operate them.

First-hand investigation of the dairy situation throughout the United States has convinced B. H. Rawl, chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture, with headquarters in Washington, that the industry is in a serious plight in many places. The situation in Oregon is none too favorable to the dairymen, he said on completing a two-day survey which covered points in Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

Two suits to recover an aggregate of \$420,000 were filed in the Lane county circuit court by W. B. Dennis, against the Black Butte Quicksilver Mining company, owning mines in southern Lane county. Mr. Dennis is manager of the Carlton Lumber company at Carlton. One suit is to foreclose a mortgage dating from April, 1901, for \$70,000, and the other to recover on notes in the sum of \$350,000. The mortgage covers a tract of 980 acres of land.

The insect which has been causing damage to airplane spruce has been definitely identified as the ambrosia beetle, and the bureau of entomology of the United States forest service has made recommendations to the spruce division for the control of the danger. The beetle bores into the wood, weakening the natural resistance of the spruce. It does not attack the green timber, only the felled trees being affected, and these only during the summer months.

Yaquina bay residents who have sold their property to the government for a right-of-way for the railroad under construction around the bay have no legal right to demand free passes on the road in addition to the money received for their property, and by statutory provision such passes are prohibited. This, in substance, is the reply of the public service commission to an inquiry received from Lieutenant Henry K. Norton, of the government right-of-way department at Newport.

The collection of foxglove, or digitalis, by school children and other patriotic Oregonians should be continued, according to word received by President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, from the office of the surgeon-general, Washington, D. C. Thus far this year 1400 pounds of digitalis have been shipped from Oregon under direction of Dean Adolph Ziefle, of the school of pharmacy. Dean Ziefle hopes to make another shipment this year of 500 or 600 pounds and to send at least 2000 pounds between now and next August.

A \$10,000 fine, the largest ever imposed in an Oregon court for violation of the prohibition laws and the maximum amount provided under the statute, was handed at Portland by Judge Bean to Alexander Davidson, wealthy California liquor dealer, and was paid. Davidson, who is owner of the Blue Ribbon Beer company of San Francisco, was convicted under the conspiracy act in a sensational trial concluded July 4, last. Last week he pleaded guilty to a second similar indictment pending against him, and the fine imposed covered both charges.

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BILLS ALLOWED BY COUNTY COURT AT AUGUST SESSION

Sheriff's Office
John W. Orr \$160.34, T. B. Hooker \$90, J. E. Richter \$80, Glass & Prudhomme Co. \$7.61, Dallas Telephone Co. \$4.80, Polk County Itemizer \$3.50, J. C. Hayter 70c. Total \$346.95.

Clerk's Office
A. B. Robinson \$134.90, Edith M. Jackson \$85, Edna B. Jackson \$70, J. C. Hayter \$2.40, Dallas Telephone Co. \$2. Total \$294.30.

Treasurer's Office
A. V. R. Snyder \$62.50, Dallas Telephone Co. \$2. Total \$64.50.

Assessor's Office
C. S. Graves \$100, F. J. Holman \$85, J. R. Allgood \$65.05, Dallas Telephone Co. \$2.25. Total \$252.30.

Sealer of Weights and Measures
J. F. Jones \$18.55.

District Attorney
Dallas Telephone Co. \$2.50.

Surveyor's Office
Dallas Telephone Co. \$2.25.

County Court
E. C. Kirkpatrick \$100, M. Manson \$54.35, C. W. Beckett \$29.70, Dallas Telephone Co. \$7.55. Total \$191.60.

Court House
Finley Whitney \$69.62, Todd Protectograph Co. \$25, H. G. Black \$11, Dallas Water Co. 10.80, Oregon Power Co. \$8.91, Dallas Iron Works \$3.75. Total \$129.08.

Justice Court
H. Holman \$22.65, John W. Orr \$17.40, Nellie Johnson \$1.90. Total \$41.95.

Coroner
R. L. Chapman \$18.20.

Insane
Marion county \$5.

School Supt.'s Office
Floyd D. Moore \$122.90, Fred S. Crowley \$108.78, Bessie Gooch \$7.50, Dallas Telephone Co. \$4.25. Total \$243.43.

Health Office
B. H. McCallon, \$79.00, Carl Morrison \$1.50, Dr. F. M. Hellwarth \$3.50, Dr. Otis D. Butler \$5.25. Total \$89.25.

Indigent Soldier
Gen. Gibson Post, G. A. R. \$50.

Care of Poor
C. E. Huntley keep of F. Harty, J. Oleon, B. Saine, G. Ferren, M. Jarvis, P. Beherns \$108, Boys and Girls Aid Society allowance for 6 months \$60, R. L. Chapman burial of Andrew J. Frum \$45, Conkey & Walker June and July allowance for Wm. Walker, George Wilson and Mr. Kennedy \$56, King-Smith Dept. Store groceries June and July for Mrs. R. M. Aikman \$50, H. G. Black groceries for Ethel Davis and C. A. McVey \$18, Frank H. Ward amount allowed on contract \$17, Mrs. Mary A. Cutler nursing Mr. and Mrs. Flum \$17, Anton F. Will meat for Mrs. Arrow and Mrs. Hisey \$13.67, C. L. Crider groceries for Mrs. Arrow \$12, W. A. Messner groceries for Mrs. Hisey \$12, W. B. Gerth groceries for J. B. Sipes \$10, C. V. Johnson & Co. groceries for J. W. Nonamaker \$10, C. W. Beckett cash for pauper sent to Grants Pass \$8.94, Mrs. S. P. Riggs house rent for Mrs. Arrow \$7, L. D. Brown house rent for Lizzie Dale \$6, Mrs. O. L. Lentz services rendered Mr. and Mrs. Flum \$5, Ed-

dy & Carbray clothing purchased by C. E. Huntley \$4.20, C. H. Man- nock medicine for Mrs. Rose Cary \$2. Total \$461.81.

Widow's Pension
John W. Orr \$13.58, Dallas Water Co. \$1. Total \$14.58.

Eliza Lawrence \$20, Addie Launer \$17.50, Mrs. Mike McNulty \$10, Eliza Nelson \$10, Hattie Riggs \$10, Georgia Sawyers \$17.50, Harriet E. Olin \$30, Martha A. South \$10, Jennie L. Miller \$25, Blanche Morgan \$17.50, Grace E. Yeater \$25, Sarah A. Pitzer \$20, Bertha J. Walling \$17.50, C. V. Johnson for Bertha K. Engelhorn \$20, Anna C. Hinkle \$25, Cynthia M. Hoke \$17.50, Ethel E. Overholt \$10, Charlotte H. Huffman \$20, Sarah S. Carter \$30, Virginia Schmidt \$22.50. Total \$375.

Bridges
Matthews & Co. \$562.40, Geo. H. Bronson \$307.45, W. T. Grier & Co. \$276.08, E. C. Bushnell \$268.54, Willamette Valley Lumber Co. \$146.38, Piedmont Lumber Co. \$99.45, State Industrial Accident Co. \$77.64, Davis & Weber \$51.89, Milo S. Farwell \$848.95, Guy Bros. \$43.56, Fred Wagner \$43.10, Chas. K.S. paulling Lumber Co. \$31.68, E. W. Lazell \$15, Peterson's Cash Grocery \$15, Star Transfer \$8.21, Craven Hdw. Co. \$500, W. C. Williams \$2.75, Clyde Getchel \$108.00, Henry Clifford \$115, J. A. Tate \$115, S. A. Davis \$90, E. A. Sharp \$90, H. D. Mathers \$81, Thos. Bean \$81, V. D. Gilliam \$6, L. N. Belieu \$3, E. C. Bushnell \$136.90. Total \$2,904.84.

Ferry
J. M. Graves \$80, Louis Sorg \$3, Sloper Bros. & Cockle \$1.50, Independence Garage & Machine Shop \$1.50, Chas. K. Spaulding Lumber Co. \$1.40. Total \$87.40.

Contingencies
Northwest Auto Co. \$4,409.50, Agricultural College Home Demonstrator \$50, John R. Allgood \$16, Polk County Council of National Defense \$3.18, J. C. Hayter 50c. Total \$4,479.18.

Circuit Court
Dallas Telephone Co. \$3.80, Thos. A. Madill \$6, Oscar Smith \$4.60, C. H. Morris \$3.20, G. W. McLaughlin \$6.40, Geo. L. Richards \$5.80, L. Ritter \$7, W. H. Riggs \$5. Total \$41.80.

Road Districts

No. 1 Total \$55
No. 2 Total \$1,955.70
No. 3 Total \$625.10
No. 4 Total \$53.25
No. 5 Total \$147.63
No. 6 Total \$73.60
No. 7 Total \$278.35
No. 8 Total \$2.70
No. 9 Oregon Gravel & Con. Co. \$29.70, J. N. Jones \$71.50, Earl Ruff \$51, Abe Becker \$3. Total \$155.20
No. 10 Farmers State Bank \$12, W. H. Lamb \$22.50, Charles Hurd \$12, W. J. Steele \$48, A. R. McCallum \$9, Chas. Voss \$60, C. J. DeArmond \$27, Wesley Kester \$54, P. S. Thurston \$66, George Plov \$37.50, W. H. Jones \$89, E. E. DeArmond \$19.50, T. H. Boynton \$6, J. V. Johnson \$6, J. H. Thurston \$24, D. J. Bolter \$9. Total \$421.65
No. 11 Farmers' State Bank \$52.50, Oregon Gravel & Con. Co. \$26.10, Rex Womer \$38, W. E. Williams Jr. (Continued on Page 3.)

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