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The city of Portland performed very creditably in entertaining the recent G. A. R. encampment and won a host of admirers thruout the country.

Those dare devil boys of ours over in France who do not know when to stop when they get started got their tickets to Berlin when they went over and no stop-overs were wanted.

The principal objection to appointing rather than electing several state officers, as recommended by the consolidation committee, is that the wrong fellow in many instances does the appointing.

THIS IS NO TIME TO "SLOW UP" OR LAY DOWN

(From Yeoman Shield.)

We should not misinterpret the statements being made by many writers to the effect that the war will soon be over. At best these are merely the expression of personal opinion and all are based on the supposition that there will be no relaxation in the efforts put forth by America and her Allies to drive the Germans from France and Belgium. Not one of these writers would venture the assertion that the military forces of democracy are at present sufficient in numbers or equipment to drive the kaiser back to Berlin should he elect to dig in and rely upon the strategy of defensive warfare. We should not permit ourselves to be misled by suggestions which are not fully warranted by the conditions which confront us. There can be but one outcome to the war. We are bound to win. Let us not overlook the fact, however, that it is still a considerable distance to Berlin and the road may not be so smooth as might be hoped.

That our government is determined to push the war to a decision at the earliest possible day is clearly evidenced by the request for extension of the conscription age limits. With an army of five million men ready to engage in actual warfare, the United States will be at once recognized as the most aggressive factor in the war. The moral effect of this will be far reaching. This country could do nothing in addition to its present contribution of men, munitions and provisions, that would cause such consternation in the ranks of the enemy. The military autocracy of the Central Powers might continue the struggle against a comparatively small force, but it will talk a different language when confronted by five million fully equipped soldiers of the kind this country turns out. The forces of the kaiser will never consent to the peace terms America demands until they are out-generated and out-numbered. The most effectual way to hasten the end of the conflict is to increase its intensity.

PERTINENT COMMENT OF THE NATION'S PRESS

BROOKLYN EAGLE: How doth the little busy boche improve each shining minute? He gets out of a salient as fast as he gets in it!

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS: The French find their chief difficulty with the Yanks is in holding them back, and the Germans are having the same trouble.

KANSAS CITY STAR: Probably the best man conservation plan hit upon yet is that adopted by ten thousand Germans Tuesday, who surrendered to the Allies.

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH: By means of a long-distance ceremony a girl in Maryland has been married to a soldier "somewhere in France." If this distance can be maintained there is no reason why they should not live happily ever afterward.

JELLY, JUICES AND JAM

WHAT'S TIME TO A GIRL

Three girls sat in a row on a street car the other day. All wore wrist watches. The time of day, according to those watches, was 3:25, 5:40 and 10:10.

WHERE PATRIOTISM IS PROVING PROFITABLE

In the picture show at Paris, Missouri, every night at 9 o'clock the lights are turned out 2 minutes so that those present may breathe a prayer for the boys overseas—and hold hands with the boys over here. The management started the plan for patriotic purposes, but it has proved a good stroke of business.

THE RING MAY FALL OFF ANY TIME

One of our girls has accepted an engagement ring from an out-of-town man with the understanding that "it is not glued on."

HOW TIMES DO CHANGE

When the Weddeds were married four years ago, they planned to buy a big motor car soon. Now they're afraid somebody will give them one.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Fire destroyed the Dufur Lumber company box factory and warehouse at Dufur.

A move has been started in Coos county with a view of installing a visiting nurse system.

An officers' training camp for all county and state Christian Endeavor officers of Oregon is being held at Turner.

One million pounds of Bartlett pears will probably be the record established this year for the Wallace orchard in Polk county.

The Fargo Orchards company, owning several hundred acres four miles from Aurora, will harvest 10,000 boxes of apples this fall.

Out of a total of more than 500 men called to the colors from the number registered in Umatilla county, but six men have failed to answer their calls.

Cranberry picking begins in the district adjacent to Astoria about the first of September. Pickers will be paid 25 cents per peck by growers, this being the price determined by the various associations.

Secretary of State Olcott has received from former governor Oswald West the latter's acceptance of the prohibition nomination for the United States senate.

Since the Emergency Fleet corporation's shipbuilding program was started, the Columbia river district has launched 103 ships, with a total tonnage of 461,200.

All records for peach packing were broken by Miss Pearl Taylor, a 19-year-old high school girl of The Dalles, who packed 151 boxes on a short hour shift. The high record so far as known has been 147 boxes.

Governor Withycombe has appointed General Charles F. Beebe, of Portland, as acting adjutant general of Oregon, to succeed Lieutenant Colonel John M. Williams, who has resigned to accept a commission as major in the regular army.

Mrs. Olive E. Osborn, of Medford, and Dr. George T. Parrish, of Portland, were appointed by Governor Withycombe as delegates to attend the annual meeting of the American Hospital association at Atlantic City, September 24-28.

There is a decided scarcity of teachers for the rural schools of Polk county and County Superintendent Fred S. Crowley states that unless relief is in sight soon some of the smaller districts will be unable to resume school this fall.

The Oregon hens entered in the international egg-laying contest at Storrs, Conn., by the Oregon Agricultural college are now 91 eggs ahead of their nearest rivals, having been awarded blue ribbons for both June and July.

With the filing of a \$100,000 bond with the desert land board by the Jordan Valley Land & Water company, all is clear for immediate progress to begin on the lower unit of 38,000 acres in the Jordan Valley irrigation project of Malheur county.

Of 26 members of the first and second summer military training camps at the University of Oregon who were examined for admission to the central artillery training school at Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Ky., almost all passed with exceptional credit.

Superintendent Churchill is sending out copies of the synopsis of the course of study for Oregon high schools for the year 1918-19, covering all schools outside of Portland. One amendment has been made to the rulings covering credits for the next school year.

Early estimates of \$50,000 for the evergreen blackberry crop in Lane county will be eclipsed as the result of the recent heavy rainfall, in the opinion of buyers, who are offering 6 cents a pound for the product. The picking season has just begun and will cover a period of several weeks.

The public service commission has been notified that the interstate commerce commission will grant a supplementary hearing on diversion and reconignment rules affecting shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables, the hearing to be conducted by Clyde B. Atchison in Portland, September 23.

His accounts short anywhere from \$500 to \$3000, according to city officials, Claude W. DeVore, city recorder of Estacada, has disappeared, and a complaint charging him with misappropriation of city funds has been filed in the Clackamas county courts at Oregon City. DeVore is believed to have gone to Berkeley, Cal.

A sort of referendum on the question of adding to the forest reserve the southern tier of townships in Jackson county is desired by Representative Hawley, who has introduced a bill providing that the lands shall be added. The area comprises about 100,000 acres, practically all of it steep and rough, and suitable only for grazing.

A total tax roll of \$16,825,367, exclusive of the public service utilities, in Klamath county was announced by Assessor J. P. Lee on completing his rolls.

Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, secretary of the board of child labor inspectors, has advised Secretary of State Olcott that the appropriation for that board has been exhausted.

The monthly payroll of the ship-building industry in Oregon has increased nearly fifteen-fold in the past 20 months, according to figures recently compiled by the statistical bureau of Portland's chamber of commerce. Whereas \$302,400 was dealt out in December, 1916, reports show that \$4,471,200 was paid to employees last month.

State Highway Engineer Nunn has announced that the state has taken over completion of the Comstock-Leona section of the Pacific highway in Douglas county because of financial difficulties experienced by Hall & Solen, contractors. The stretch covers about four miles, grading and macadam, and the estimate of cost is about \$85,000.

Numerous complaints are being received at the offices of the Fish and Game commission regarding pheasant hunting out of season. Reports of such violations are coming from various sections and as a result State Game Warden Shoemaker has instructed his deputies throughout the state to enforce a rigid patrol and punish all offenders.

Crook and Deschutes county farmers and stockmen have placed an order for four cars of sulphur consisting of 126,000 pounds, through R. A. Ward, county agricultural agent. The extensive use of sulphur follows field demonstrations based on experiments conducted by the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, largely at the southern Oregon branch.

Lumber operators and workmen composing the central council of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and representing lumber interests in Oregon, Washington and Idaho adopted resolutions at Portland thanking Colonel Brice P. Disque, head of the spruce production division, for his services and pledging themselves to support him "to the limit."

Slightly more than 500,000 cases, valued at \$4,600,000, is the total pack of salmon on the Columbia river for the spring season of 1918, which closed Saturday at 6 o'clock. The total is equal to that of the average for the last several seasons, in spite of unfavorable early indications. The cold storage product, mostly pickled salmon, fell 50 per cent below normal.

During the week ending August 22 a total of 573 accidents was reported to the industrial accident commission and six of them were fatal. The fatal cases are P. V. Solberg, Multnomah, sawmill; Charlie Pellette, Portland, shipbuilding; Harvey Vincent, Klamath Falls, lineman; Marten Saloski, Powers, logging; H. W. Stoddard, Astoria, shipbuilding; W. H. Bryant, Corvallis, lumbering.

LeRoy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station, is advising Oregon apple growers to apply a spray of arsenate of lead late this week or the first of next for control of codling moth. Mr. Childs says that the recent cool weather has retarded the development of moths to such an extent that they will emerge and become active in large numbers when warm weather returns.

Excessive freight rates are causing Portland to be deprived of a prolific source of fuel in screenings from the Coos bay district, and a reasonable rate, probably about 75 per cent lower than that granted to Utah fields, would bring such fuel into Portland from Coos bay, according to a letter sent to General Freight Agent Hineshaw, of the Southern Pacific, by Public Service Commissioner Buchtel.

Lumber mills of western Washington and western Oregon, by a successful speeding-up program, for the second consecutive week have cut more than their normal capacity. Actual production for the past week was 80,899,245 feet, an excess of 999,245 feet, or 1.25 per cent, over the normal production of 79,900,000 feet at the 128 mills contributing to the reports of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Charges lodged with Governor Withycombe by Dr. William M. Campbell, of Portland, against Major Richard Deich, head of the military police, have been forwarded by the executive to Adjutant-General Williams with instructions to have them presented to the general staff for consideration. It is charged that Mr. Deich used language unbecoming an officer when Dr. Campbell visited his office and difficulties arose over certain claims which were presented by Dr. Campbell.

The state tax commission has voted to initiate for the election ballot in November a bill providing that the tax levy for 1919 include \$940,000 in excess of constitutional limitations, which will amount to an assessment of about 1 mill. The special amount provided by the measure, if it is passed by the people, will be used to meet necessary expenditures of state departments for a year's time that could not be met under the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment to the state constitution.

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OLD HOME PAPER "O' R THERE"

(From the Stars and Stripes, France.)

At a pretty home wedding at high noon yesterday Miss Eleanor Tracy Townes became the bride of Mr. Bozwell Alexander Spencer. Two score friends were present and bade the happy young couple adieu on a two weeks' honeymoon. Mr. Spencer is the son of J. W. Spencer, the well known furnisher dealer, and the bride—

We needn't finish it. It's just a typical "society" item that we all read from time to time in the home town paper.

Gives us a funny sensation, doesn't it? We realize that some people still are getting married, and going on a honeymoon and, for all we know, taking baths in hot water. Not that we have any objection to Bozwell getting married. We just—but then we can hardly argue it.

But when we come across an item like this we don't have any trouble defining our emotion:

Eighty-four men left yesterday for Cam—

—This is the largest single group to leave since the declaration of war.

And as the great preponderance of items is of the latter trend there can't be any mistaking the general impression the home paper creates. We know that the old game is coming—with rifles and cannon and shells and other things to make war with; and that when they all get here—oh, boy!

FORD VS. ROOSEVELT

(From the Benton County Courier.)

It is not our intention to stand up for Henry Ford or belittle Theodore Roosevelt, but if Mr. Roosevelt was doing as much at the present time to aid the government in this gigantic struggle as Mr. Ford is doing he would not have any time to be fault finding with what Ford said some years ago.

Perhaps if we were to look into the past and dig around some we might see things that "Teddy" stated that would not look rosy in print today.

We do not know whether Ford made the statements that are attributed to him or not. If he did he has another thing to think coming, for the flag of this old republic is going up in many more places to stay than it has ever before been placed, Berlin included.

But the fact that Mr. Ford has turned his entire plant over to the government for use in manufacturing war munitions and this without any profit to himself is something to be proud of and is an instance not found in many of the other industries of the country.

We should have more men of the Ford type in this country, not in his peace policy, but in his big heartedness during this great strife, and in doing all in his power to put the necessary machinery on the front lines to bring this war to a speedy victory.

It is just such men as this that will bring the Hun to his knees in the shortest possible time.

THE GROANS OF THE NATION

(From Medical Pickwick.)

The Italian when in pain he lies,	In Yiddish they do moan and cry,
"Oh Dio Mio"—softly sighs;	"Oi, Oi, Gewalt—as tut mir wei."
A German when he's sick or cut	And so each nation has its moan
Will groan—"Ach himmelt!—lieber Gott!"	In its own style and special tone;
And when a Frenchman is in pain,	In English, too, we groan and yell:
Then "Oh, la la," is his refrain.	"For the love of Mike—that hurts like hell."

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