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"Pat" McArthur has decided to "vot'er dry."

The great obstacle to playing war, the youngstrs report, is to get somebody to be the Germans.

It looks now that the German army, or whats left of it, will be back in Germany by Christmas.

America is having difficulty right now in getting enough men into France each month to equal the number of Huns captured.

Certain Republicans and Democrats of more or less prominence and more or less influence do not concede that politics is adjourned, and maybe it isn't.

The crown prince says an American prisoner told him that Alsace is a big lake. The crown prince will learn, if he keeps on inquiring, that Alsace is a part of France.

Mr. Bourne says he may run for senator against Mr. Chamberlain. He might change his mind if he would come back to Oregon long enough to talk with the lot of fellows who have had similar notions in the decade that "Our George" has been old enough to vote.

STAR BEAMS

(From the Kansas City Star.)

General Ludendorff's initials are P. O., presumably standing for Phlicker Out.

A Young Bridegroom Silent.—Headline.
Young or old, his silence is assured.

When a girl gets hold of a young man's heartstrings she proceeds to tie them in a beau knot.

The crowned heads of Belgium went to England in an airplane. We suppose an ace took the king and queen.

We do not at this moment recall a single instance on record wherein a man peacefully sitting in church on Sunday morning was run over by a motor car.

In many families father counts the day till payday, while mother knows the number of hours between now and the next sugar day.

Although Berlin has never ranked at the top among the fall season resorts, everybody, including the Germans, seem to be awfully eager to get to it.

Probably the cooties, like the tactics, are much the same in any war. An Eastern Yank writes home that he knows now why Napoleon always had his picture taken with his hand inside his shirt.

Th German official reports say the ground so hastily evacuated by the boche Tuesday was "was yielded on command of our officers." On command received on long distance telephone, then, evidently.

Another striking difference between American and English newspapers just at this time is that the English papers are replete with accounts of men who were fined for fooling with the price of common necesssities.

The Deutsches Zeitung calls the present German straeegy "our vigorous defensive policy." Americans have reason to believe it is going to be more vigorous as time goes on, this aggressive retreating policy of theirs. Indeed, we are beginning to talk a good deal about the time when, with these vigorous tactics of theirs, they may succeed in pushing themselves clear back over the Rhine.

JELLY, JUICES AND JAM

MARY'S LITTLE ANGEL CAKE
(Cornell Widow.)

Mary made an angel cake for her darling Charley's sake—for his dear sake.

Charley ate it every crumb, then he heard an angel's drum calling softly, "Charley come";
And Charley went.

SECRETS OF THE HOME (Aitchison Globe.)

The only way a man can find a pen and ink around the house is to tell his wife that he wants to write her a check.

THE CUTWORMS BOTHERED EVE (Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Yet Eve was not, we'll take our oaths, a wholly happy kid; The moths could never eat her clothes—but, oh! the cutworms did!

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Forest fires are causing great damage in logging sections of Coos county. Douglas county has about 700 members of the boys' and girls' industrial clubs.

The first public market to be established at Marshfield will be built and opened this month.

The state military police is costing the taxpayers of the state \$21,000 per month for salaries.

With a hot sun and dry wind prevailing in western Oregon, danger of forest fires returned last week.

Mrs. Joe Cado killed a ferocious wildcat with her bare hands on the Cado ranch, six miles east of Crane.

The third annual field trials of the Oregon State Sportsmen's league will be held in Lebanon on September 15 and 16.

The northwest Methodist, Episcopal conference, uniting the Columbia, east Columbia and Montana conferences, was held at Milton.

War activities at the University of Oregon are not to be confined to men. An emergency nurses' training course has been announced.

The 23d annual Astoria regatta, which was held under the auspices of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Shipbuilders' club, was formally opened Thursday.

Printers employed in the state printing office at Salem were granted a general increase of 50 cents a day by the state printing board, as a "war bonus."

The net income of the O-W. R. & N. for the year 1917 was \$1,141,337, according to the annual report the company filed with the public service commission.

The Brownsville public library, rejuvenated and increased by the addition of many new volumes, was formally dedicated and opened to the public last week.

The plant of the Everfresh Fruit company at Sutherlin, engaged in work upon government contracts, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

Wild pigeons are more plentiful in Clatsop county than any season for the past 10 years. Better protection for this species of wild fowl has resulted in the increase.

Twenty-four forest fires, caused by lightning, are raging in the Cascade national forest, according to a report received at the district forest office from Forest Supervisor Seitz.

The North Bend city council has set October 15 as the date for the holding of a special election to submit to the voters of the city a number of important amendments to the city charter.

There were between 600 and 700 hunters out in Umatilla county September 1, for China pheasant shooting, which is permitted during the week under special permit from State Game Warden Shoemaker.

In response to a call issued by the state librarian, Miss Cornelia Marvin, a meeting was held in Albany to consider the matter of bringing before the people the importance of establishing a county library.

Appointments of postmasters have been made in Oregon as follows: Wenaha, Wallowa county, Miss Ruby Bulward; Alberson, Harney county, Nick H. Vegtley; Ashwood, Jefferson county, Mrs. Nenna B. Finnell.

The public service commission was notified by H. Hirschberg, of Independence, that the Independence & Mouth road would cease operation September 1, the company disposing of its equipment and rolling stock.

Clyde Rhodes, a well-to-do farmer, was found dead at the gate of his farm in Sams valley, six miles north of Gold Hill. He is believed to have committed suicide. Coffee was found by his side containing crystals of cyanide.

A maximum of 400 men will be given intensive training at the Oregon Agricultural college to fit them for United States army bands. They will be selected by the government because of musical ability and previous training.

While plans are being made to carry out the Polk county fair the same as usual this year, the dates being September 17, 18 and 19, it has been decided not to have a fair in this county next year nor again until after the war.

Approval of a \$20,000 water bond issue will be asked of the people of the city of Pendleton at the coming election in November. The money is to be used in completing the extension of the city water systems to Chaplish springs, now under way.

Between 300 and 400 patients at the Oregon state hospital were put to work for the Oregon Packing company stringing beans for canning at the rate of 2 cents per pound. Necessity for quick action on the beans as a conservation measure gained the use of the patients, who did the work at the hospital, where the beans were delivered for stringing.

The Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has secured the appointment of a public health nurse for Coos county, which county is the second one in Oregon to take this step. Jackson county already has the services of a public health nurse.

Supervisor Cryder of the Umatilla national forest has returned from a tour of two weeks over the forest and reports the summer range in the western part of the forest is so dry that already several bands of sheep have been driven off the forest to the winter pasture.

A "board of instruction," whose business it is to see that conscripted men leave for cantonments in proper mental and physical condition, fully advised as to their duties toward the government and their families, has been appointed by the Oregon City draft board.

District Attorney Gale S. Hill, of Linn county, submitted to the public service commission an application on behalf of the Linn county court for permission of the commission to construct a grade crossing over the track of the Southern Pacific company in road district No. 3.

Out of a total of 572 accidents reported to the state industrial commission for the week ending August 29, there were four fatalities. They were: John Ryder, Portland, shipbuilding; William Bishop, near Scappoose, logging; N. C. Nelson, Columbia City, shipbuilding; Fred W. Bradshaw, Gooch, lumbering.

Big Butte creek as the source of supply and a \$1,500,000 bond issue, to be voted upon September 28, are the recommendations of the directors of the Medford irrigation district, after 11 months' study of the entire water situation of the Rogue river valley. The Medford irrigation district was formed September 15, 1917.

To be used in improvements on Camp Custaf, near Battle Creek, Mich., 17,000,000 feet of Douglas fir has just been ordered by the war department. The orders are to be distributed, as usual, through the fir production board, which maintains headquarters in Portland. They go to mills of Oregon and Washington.

J. M. Cook, of Junction City, is out more than \$800 and Linn county ahead almost that sum as the result of the importation of six suitcases full of whisky into Harrisburg. Cook paid a fine of \$500 and costs, and O. E. Trout, of Corvallis, paid a fine of \$250 and costs. In addition to the fine Cook is out \$307.50 which he paid for the booze.

Chrome and manganese mining in eastern and southern Oregon is one of the newest industries of the state arising out of wartime needs. Second in output of chrome of any state, and with a production of more than one third the output of the entire country, Oregon in the last few months has been making still bigger preparations to meet the wartime emergency.

Sale of 433,000,000 feet of timber, located on territory covering an area of approximately 5860 acres in Alsea and Lake creek valleys in Lane, Lincoln and western Benton counties, to Alfred Thomas and E. B. Kingman of Columbus, Mont., was completed by D. S. R. Walker and J. Darling of Eugene. The consideration is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$600,000. The timber runs almost clear fir.

The Buehner Lumber company, of North Bend, has made application through Colonel Disque, of the spruce production division, and Colonel Zinn, government engineer, to have the channel of South Inlet, 12 miles west of North Bend, dredged and improved in order that a large tract of fine quality spruce and fir timber owned by the company may be opened up and utilized for airplane and ship material.

The maximum price for the fall catch of salmon on the Columbia river has been fixed by the national food administration, according to an announcement received by W. B. Ayer, state food administrator, as follows: Chinook salmon, from date to September 15, inclusive, 3 1/2 cents per pound; chinook salmon after September 16, 6 1/4 cents per pound; steelhead salmon, from date, 9 1/2 cents per pound; chum salmon, from date, 3 1/2 cents per pound.

According to an opinion of Attorney General Brown written for State School Superintendent Churchill, school districts shall continue to make up and post their budgets. The law so providing, the attorney general holds, was not affected by an opinion of the supreme court in the case of Martin vs. Gilliam county, which held invalid chapter 222, laws of 1915, applying the county budget law to all districts and corporate bodies having power to levy taxes except cities of 150,000 population or more.

Oregon commercial organizations are requested, in a letter sent out by the public service commission, to compile all data applicable to their respective communities for presentation in classified form at hearings to be conducted by Clyde B. Aitchison, of the interstate commerce commission, in Portland on September 20 and 23. On those dates complaints will be heard against the 25 per cent freight rate increase on fresh fruit and vegetables, and the 10 per cent increase in express rates on fresh fruit and fresh fish.

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ANCESTRAL PRIDE

(James W. Foley in the Saturday Evening Post.)

Green married the Widder Brown one day
When the checker players was all away
And he didn't have nothin' else to do
But marry her, as he promised to;
And he says to her: "Widder, you'll share my joys
And sorrsers, I reckon, but them three boys
Is you'n, by gracious—I make no claim
To them, I tell ye! They got your name;
I'm marryin' you, jist you, I be;
I ain't a-weddin' no family."

Well, Green he married the Widder Brown,
And she had a farm right clost to town;
When his health was good he'd work a spell,
But he wasn't often a-feelin' well.
So she run it mostly, with Tom and Joe
And Bill—they handled the rake and hoe
And plow and harrer and milked the cows,
While Green, he traveled between the house
And the grocery store where he playd and spent
Considerable unearned increment.

Well, them Brown boys grew and grew and grew,
Nineteen and twenty and twenty-two,
But all of 'em Browns, not Greens, you know,
'Cuz Green, he 'took pains to tell 'em so;
Then the war come on and they went, all three,
Right outen the Widder's family;
They wasn't backward or slow or skeered,
Jist kissed the Widder and volunteered,
And Green come home from checkers and town
And nobody home but the Widder Brown.

Well, we had a meetin' the follerin' day,
With a speaker to speak and a band to play,
And flags a-flyin' and buntin' too,
And everybody a feller knew
Was right on deck, and we built a stand
Fer the speaker and parents and choir and band;
And Green druv in with the Widder Brown—
Now Green, of course—druv in to town
And hitched his hosses and arched his neck
And marched right up on the stand, by heck.

And he shuck the speaker right by the hand,
And nodded acrost at the cornet band,
And smiled at the choir with his chest a-swell
And a 3-star button in his lapel;
"Our boys is gone," he says; "our three
Tuc right blame outen our family!"
And all of us fellers gasped a spell;
And old Jed Hawkins he says: "Oh, hell!"
But there was Green, with his chest a-swell,
And them three stars in his coat lapel!

THE STATE MILITARY

(From the Portland Journal.)

Whatever public expenditure is necessary to maintain order and deal with pro-Germanism in Oregon during the war should be applied. Whatever sacrifice may be necessary to back up the fighters should be made.

Perhaps at the time it was authorized a state military police was both advisable and necessary. The federal organization was not so complete then. Pro-Germanism was bolder then. I. W. W.ism was more in evidence then.

But things have changed. It is a change that raises the query whether it is necessary, as is proposed, to tax the people \$600,000 for the maintenance of a state military police for the next two years.

Six hundred thousand dollars is a very large sum. A state police of the character which the governor has organized is a very expensive arm of the executive office. The cost is so heavy that it raises the question of whether or not so extensive a military establishment should be maintained.
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