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UKIAH SWEEP BY FIRE SUNDAY MORNING

Five Business Firms Out of Eight Lose Their Build- ings and Stocks.

Pendleton, Or., Nov. 6—Fire supposed to have been caused by a cigar stub in the sawdust of a cuspidor, early Sunday morning, caused the destruction of five of the eight business houses in Ukiah, Or., 53 miles south of here. The business houses destroyed were the drug store and a pool hall, property of J. W. Kirk; the hardware and implement house and the warehouse of Wagner & Caldwell, a barber shop and the office of the Levi Eldridge Stage company. It is estimated the loss will aggregate \$40,000, a small part of which only is covered by insurance. There were no means for fighting the fire except a bucket brigade.

29 High Schools in League

The Oregon High School Athletic Association now has a membership of 29 high schools, according to data recently made public by officials of the association. The association is said to be in a flourishing condition.

The schools which joined the association this season are Albany, Ashland, Baker, Corvallis, Eugene, Harrisburg, Lostine, McMinnville, Klamath Falls, The Dalles, Salem, Monmouth, Dundee, Halsey, Monroe, Amity, Dallas, Haines, Grants Pass, Hermiston, Mill City, Cottage Grove, Junction City, Forest Grove, Newburg and La Grande.

The High School Athletic Association was organized by State Superintendent Churchill last year and any high school in Oregon is eligible to enter the association. The governing body consists of a board of control, of which City Superintendent Boettcher of Albany is president, Mr. Churchill vice-president, and A. C. Hampton of La Grande secretary-treasurer.

Since the association was organized State Superintendent Churchill says that the standard of high school athletics in the state has been materially raised.

The trouble with undersea war is that it is not on the level.

It is reported that a "grave note" has been handed Greece by the allies, and taking previous notes into consideration, one surmises that "grave note" carries an invitation to go jump into a shell hole.

I. W. W. IS INCREASING RANKS IN PORTLAND

North End is Headquarters for Newly Arrived "I Won't Works."

Portland, Nov. 7—The I. W. W. population in Portland is increasing. In small companies, the members of the organization have been flocking in and taking quarters in the North end during the last two weeks. One gang of fifty was driven out of town a few minutes after arrival at the order of Chief of Police Clark.

Nightly meetings are being held in the North end and agitators are said to be taking the stump.

Cleaning out Bed of Lake

The Roguelands Company has closed down its camp at Fish Lake and established bachelor quarters for a crew of eight men, who are engaged in clearing and burning the debris on the bottom of the lake. This crew will work until snow is too deep to allow further progress. It is thought that the bed of the lake will be cleared before spring. With the first heavy rain or snow, the gates at the intake will be closed and the storing of water for the next irrigation season will begin. The lake is not expected to reach its high storage level until the middle of June.

High Cost of Living Still Soars

Sand Francisco, Nov. 9—Advances since last Friday in the prices of 32 items of their stocks were enumerated today for retail grocers of this city by the Retail Grocers' association. Matches, starch, French sardines and saratoga chips are included in the raise. The tendency to raise prices has reached stock raisers, with the result, it is said, that sheep owners are holding off for \$2 per head above the unusually high price offered by the packers.

Retail grocers and small bakers throughout the city were scheduled today to sign contracts, which will result in five and ten-cent loaves of bread, remaining available here in spite of the raise to six and twelve cents authorized for Monday by the Master Bakers.

That the Germans are building ships for another merchant marine must be good news to the British fleet.

RECORD IN GRANT CASE CALLED FOR

Supreme Court Will Study Oregon Land Litiga- tion Closely.

Washington, Nov. 6—A request of the department of justice to consider upon its merits all questions in the Oregon-California land case, involving title to thousands of acres held by the Southern Pacific and other railroads, was granted today by the supreme court and oral argument was set for February 26. The government requested consideration of the validity of a law passed last June transferring ownership of the lands, originally given to the railroads under land grants, to the United States.

Advocate Industrial Development

In a recent speech in Portland, Congressman McArthur said: "We in Portland and in Oregon must do what we can to encourage capital to come in here. We need more capital to build up industries that will give our workmen work and increase our payrolls. We must do what we can to develop our agricultural resources."

"One thing that will help bring prosperity is the development of the water power resources of this section. Yet Congress' neglect of this matter of developing the waterpower of the Northwest has been almost criminal."

Mr. McArthur said he favored sensible conservation of resources, but he thought that permitting streams having millions of potential power to waste their undeveloped energy flowing to the sea was hardly conserving water power for future generations. He emphasized the need of manufacturing nitrates from the air to make this country independent in time of war.

"We need more industries here," continued Mr. McArthur, "and that brings me to the progress of shipbuilding, which I notice being handled here in a practical manner."

"If we are to keep up in the industrial race after the war, and are to be able to carry our products to the markets of the world we must build our own ships to carry these products."—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

We fear that the Pittsfield, Mass., housemaids who have organized a union and demand \$7 a week for a 10-hour day will have to wait until Congress convenes.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Baker—Announcement made that erection of large sawmill to handle 124,000,000 ft of government timber on Middlefork of John Day river will be started at once.

Portland—Contract assured and two or three others being negotiated, all for construction of steel vessels of from 3000 to 4000 tons deadweight.

Wedderburn—Marley estate sawmill will experiment in sawing hardwood lumber from oak logs of this vicinity.

Portland rubber mills contracts 5000 gross of rubber heels at about \$100,000. The company is increasing its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Grants Pass—\$76,443 contract let to Portland firm for new court house.

Portland—October bank clearings aggregate \$79,605,993; largest in city's history.

Medford—Irrigation of 16,000 acres in Sams Valley projected involving expenditure of \$2,700,000.

The political fight is now over and business and industry will be given a chance to catch its breath before Congress begins to legislate and regulate it again.

Portland—Public employment bureau finds jobs for 4408 in October.

Newport—Auto road to Siletz Bay being opened.

Grants Pass—New factory now turning out fine Rogue River Valley sugar as a finished product.

Myrtle Point to have new lumber yard and planing mill.

Silver Lake—Recently burned garage to be rebuilt.

Paisley—Flour mill sells for \$11,000.

Bend—New sawmill to be built six miles west of here will employ 50.

Lexington—Wheat to be shipped from here filling warehouses and vacant lots will total \$600,000.

Proposals for contracts by foreign interests for ships to be delivered in 1918 indicate no let-up in this industry for some years at least.

Klamath Falls will vote on \$300,000 bonds for Strahorn road to Sprague River. Mr. Strahorn assures continuance of the road on to Bend if bond issue carries.

When Congress meets next it has before it two measures of the utmost importance to the west. Satisfactory legislation of the development of waterpowers and a relief measure for oil operation under the Taft withdrawal order. Millions of dollars of capital to be invested await fair legislation on these subjects.

Salem—\$2,539,000 is estimated as total fruit, vegetable, and grain yields in section tributary to here.

Grants Pass—10 cars of apples shipped from here Sept. 10 arrive in London and sell for \$3.50 per box.

Medford—Large sawmill will be built here to operate about Feb. 1, when railroad will tap large timber tract on Jackson creek.

Portland—Contracts for construction of 6 wooden motorships have been awarded to American Ship Building company.

Albany—Fully \$150,000 worth of clover seed has been shipped out of Linn county this year, most of it from here where it has been concentrated from all parts of the county. About 20 cars ranged from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per car.

Winchester Bay—Preparations are under way for work on Umpqua jetty.

Coos Bay—Hoquiam, Wash., men contemplate establishing shingle mill in this vicinity with 100,000 shingles daily capacity.

Bandon—Preparations under way for construction of \$30,000 dredge for Port of Bandon.

Coos county plans expenditure of \$600,000 in 1917 on permanent road improvements.

After She Reformed Him

"You stopped smoking because she asked you to?" was the question put to a solemn looking chap. "Yep." "And you stopped swearing because she asked you to?" "Yep." "And you gave up your poker parties and went into refined, serious society for the same reason?" "Yep, yep, yep." "And yet you never married her?" "Well, you see, after I'd reformed like that, I found I could do better."

LOSSES OF BRITISH NA- VY ARE HEAVY

Battleships and Cruisers Aggregating 501,790 Tons Sunk, Berlin Reports

Berlin, Nov. 7—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—"The sinking of a British small cruiser off the Irish coast by a German submarine has increased the total British losses in battleships and cruisers to 501,790 tons," says an Overseas News agency announcement today. "This does not include British auxiliary cruisers, submarines, torpedo boats or guard ships lost."

"According to the known strength of the British navy at the beginning of the war, it has lost 14 per cent of its battleships, 30 per cent of its armored cruisers and 14 per cent of its protected cruisers. Thirty-nine ships of a total of 443,500 tons have been destroyed by German naval forces."

"The extent of the British losses is notable in view of the fact that at the beginning of the war the French navy's tonnage was 497,000 and the Italian navy's 335,000."

"Moreover, the British navy has lost 50 torpedo boats of 71,500 tons and 76 submarines."

The Election in This City

Following is a list of candidates and votes received in both precincts of this city:

Hughes electors	159
Wilson "	160
Benson "	2
Hanley "	1
Secretary of State: Olcott	133
" " Cannon	9
Supreme Justice: Burnett, Rep.	166
" " Moore, Rep.	174
" " Oliver, Dem	86
" " Hosmer, Soc	38
" " Bright, Prohi	29
Pub. Service Com. Buchtel, Rep.	177
" " Van Dressar, Dem	79
Circuit Judge: Calkins	247
Rep. 8th Dist. Sheldon, rep	161
" " Thomas "	162
" " DeArmond, dem	79
" " Towne dem	126
Rep. 9th " Gore, rep	163
" " Howard, dem	105
" " Mohr, soc	15
Dist. Atty: Roberts, rep	158
" " Borden, dem	113
Sheriff: Wilson, rep	168
" " Jennings, dem	147
" " Herriott, soc	3
Clerk: Gardner, rep	201
" " Miller, dem	108
" " Casebolt, soc	6
Recorder: Florey, rep	191
" " Gerking, dem	104
" " Prescott, soc	13
Treasurer: Blakely, rep	108
" " Rigg, ind	63
" " Smith, soc	19
Assessor Coleman, rep	102
" " Gallatin, dem	87
Supt. Schools: Ager, rep	226
" " Jeffrey, ind	65
Surveyor: Brown	228
Coroner: Perl, rep	252
" " Calhoun, soc	31
Co. Com: Owen, rep	173
" " Beeman, dem	70
" " Dunn soc	50

Single Item Veto Amendment:

Yes 180

No 46

Ship Tax Emtion: Yes 103, No 110

Negro Suffrage Amendment:

Yes 124, No 119

Full Rental Tax Amendment: Yes 52,

No 160

Pendleton Normal School Amendment,

Yes 104, No 135

Repealing Sunday Law: Yes 143, No 119

Prohibition Amendment: Yes 174, No

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Brewers Amendment: Yes 103, No 182

Rural Credits Amendment: Yes 145,

No 91

Tax Limitation Amendment: Yes 125,

No 78.

The scarcity of food in Germany is bad enough, but now comes the report that all the tobacco is to be seized by the Government and the ticket system put into operation.

As a campaign orator John Skelton Williams would scarcely be able to make a discussion of currency as interesting as Col. Bryan made it.

If Hughes should be elected, Lloyd George may conclude that it's no use trying to bluff another Welshman.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Train Derailed When it hits rock

Roseburg, Or., Nov. 6—As the result of striking a big rock that had rolled on the track at tunnel No. 5, near Westfork, Southern Pacific train No. 13 was partially derailed early yesterday and delayed traffic for nearly 10 hours. The engine, tender and one coach left the track, and the cook on the diner was scalded. The passengers were transferred.

Six Salem Children Have Infantile Paralysis.

Salem, Or., Nov. 6—There are six cases of infantile paralysis in the city, and all are under strict quarantine. To prevent the disease from spreading, Dr. O. B. Miles, the city health officer has fumigated the school buildings where the children suffering from it attended.

Parole Board Member Resigns

Salem, Or., Nov. 6—Giving as a reason that he had accepted the offer of a church in Walla Walla, Rev. O. H. Holmes, of Forest Grove, and a member of the parole board, announced at the last meeting of the board that he would resign. His successor will be appointed by Governor Withycombe in the near future.

J. M. Peach Ends Life With a Dose of Poison.

Portland, Nov. 7—James M. Peach, aged 71, was found dead in his bed in a little house back of the residence of his son, Fred O. Peach, at 9:45 o'clock this morning. By his side on a chair was an open vial of strychnine. The discovery was made by Mrs. Nora Rybee, a neighbor. Dr. J. S. Harkins and Dr. J. E. Pettit, who examined the body with Deputy Coroner Smith, determined that the man had been dead since midnight. An autopsy will be held.

Sheriff Esch to Return W. L. Benham to Oregon.

Salem, Or., Nov. 6—Sheriff Esch left today for Oakland, Cal., to take into custody W. L. Benham, indicted by the recent grand jury for obtaining money by a false token. His offense is said to have been committed in connection with obtaining money on some securities. He was formerly connected with the Willamette Valley Irrigation company.

Mosier Man is Found Dead

The Dalles, Or., Nov. 7—The body of Alfred Evans, a Mosier man, was yesterday found in the M. Bach meadows, west of this city, lying face downward on an army rifle. He had been dead for several days. He had shot himself in the mouth apparently with suicidal intent. He was 28 years old.

Talent School Meeting

Talent, Or., Nov. 6—The school meeting held last Saturday to levy a tax was well attended, about fifty turning out. A false report that a tax was to be levied to build a gymnasium had gained headway brought interested parties. The proposition had never gained many supporters, for most everyone seems to think times too hard to undertake such a thing at present. The vote to levy a small tax to cover both current expenses and to aid in making an annual reduction of the bonded indebtedness was passed almost unanimously. A measure providing for transporting to Ashland high school those students who complete the tenth grade in the local school met with approval by nearly everyone present. The provision made it imperative that such student be a resident of the local district at the time of the preceding census. The matter of requiring teachers to stay in Talent was discussed and all finally agreed to drop the matter for the present year at least. All teachers were present to hear the discussion.

In view of that hurricanes which caused two million dollars damage in St. Thomas we think Denmark ought to cut the price of the islands to twenty three million.

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