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Merry Christmas

PERSHING WILL PROMOTE BOYS Noncommissioned Officers To Have Chance to Win Commissions.

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Dec. 16.—The orders just issued by General Pershing providing for a system of promotion from the ranks, under which any private who demonstrates his ability may win a commission, makes all non-commissioned officers, even corporals, eligible for the school which is being established at a large training center for the instruction of candidates for commissions. Privates who desire to become officers must first demonstrate their efficiency by earning appointment as non-commissioned officers.

The non-commissioned officers will be sent to the training school on recommendation of their superiors, which will be forwarded by the commanders of divisions or other separate units, and by the chiefs of departmental staffs to the commander-in-chief. Before submitting such recommendations the officers charged with this duty are instructed by General Pershing's orders to give the most careful consideration to the record of those recommended, having in view in the case of non-commissioned officers of the line only the fighting efficiency of his unit, and in all other cases only the ability to perform duties efficiently.

When candidates attending the training school have been found to be proficient they will be assigned to vacancies as second lieutenants of replacement divisions. Thence they will go to fill vacancies occasioned by casualties and other causes in combat divisions.

McMinnville—\$40,000 to be spent improving Grand Ronde road.

BRITISH WILL FIGHT Chancellor Realizes Peace Offer is Not Taken Seriously.

London, Dec. 17.—Germany's way in the west is clear, in as much as a peace by negotiations with Great Britain is out of the question at present, Chancellor von Hertling asserted in an interview given to the director of the Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German news agency, as quoted in dispatches reaching London today. The interview was given in response to a request for a reply to the recent speech of Premier Lloyd George, who said he would regard peace overtures with Prussia at the moment the Prussian military spirit was drunk with boastfulness as a betrayal of the great trust with which he and his colleagues had been charged.

'Lord George calls us criminals and bandits,' said the chancellor. 'Modern wars are not won by invective, but perhaps rather prolonged thereby, because it is clearly out of the question to negotiate with men of such temper. For some time it has been impossible for an attentive observer to doubt that the British government under Lloyd George's leadership is completely inaccessible to the idea of a just peace by understanding. His speech affords convincing proof of this.'

The chancellor then discussed the origin of the war, saying Germany's conscience was clear, and added: 'More than a year has passed since we and our allies offered the enemy the hand of peace. It was rejected. In the meantime our reply to the papal note has again set forth our standpoint.'

Farmers Union of Umatilla county considering the erection of 6 more grain elevators in county along line of N. P. and O-W. R. & N.

BOLSHEVIKI NOT RECOGNIZED BY U. S. Germany is Expected to Use Russian Plates to Supply Paper Money.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Recognition of the Bolshevik government by the United States still is remote, it was indicated today. Reports in Europe suggesting a developing sentiment in favor of dealing with the new regime as a de facto government have found no response here, and it was made plain that the United States would continue its policy of awaiting developments.

It was suggested here that one of the direct effects of the armistice between the German and Russian armies might be the financing of the Bolsheviks by Germany with paper money. When the war began, Russian money was being printed in Germany and the plates are still in Berlin. Diplomatic dispatches to the state department from Teheran, Persia, contained an appeal for relief of the famine-suffering people in that region.

Congressman Joins Regular Army as a Private

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Royal C. Johnson, of Aberdeen, S. D., enlisted today as a private in the regular army and was assigned to Camp Mead. He has not resigned his seat in the house.

Congressman Johnson represents the second South Dakota district and was elected on the Republican ticket in 1915. He is 34 years old and had previously served as attorney general of his state. He was a member of a law firm at Aberdeen.

Tangent to have water system.

OUR OWN STATE Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Mrs. Mary M. Jeans is Dead in Eugene

Eugene, Or., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mary M. Jeans, a resident of Lane county since childhood, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hanson, in this city, late Saturday afternoon, at the age of 55 years and 5 months.

Mrs. Jeans came to Eugene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rauch, when but eight years of age and she lived in this county until the time of her death. She had made her home at Mapleton for the past 22 years.

Sawmill Hand Falls on Ax.

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 17.—While walking and carrying a double-bitted ax on his shoulder, Dick Elder, an employee of a local sawmill, slipped and fell on one blade of the ax with such force that it cut through his heavy cap and penetrated the skull. He was attended by Dr. George I. Wright, who declared that the man had a very narrow escape.

Sawmill Closes for Season

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 17.—The Pelican Bay Lumber company has closed its mill for the season, following a successful season when 52,000,000 feet of lumber was cut. There were 450 men on the pay roll, and a large number of these will be employed throughout the winter months in the logging camps of the company.

Motor Ship Takes Big Cargo of Lumber

St. Helens, Or., Dec. 17.—The motor vessel S. L. Allard, after taking on a cargo of 2,000,000 feet of lumber and piling, left yesterday morning for San Francisco. After discharging her cargo, the vessel will be taken over by the government and operated on the San Francisco-Honolulu run. The City of Portland, a sister of the Allard, has also been commandeered by the government.

Warrenton Mill Plans Two Shifts

Warrenton, Or., Dec. 17.—The sawmill here is said to be contemplating two shifts of men, beginning in about a month, this being made necessary by the greater demand for lumber. The problem seems to be to get laborers enough to handle the extra work.

Clover Seed Worth \$900 Stolen on Farm

Carlton, Or., Dec. 17.—Herman Bernard, a prominent farmer living two miles west of here, discovered last week that someone had taken nine sacks of clover seed from his barn. The seed is worth about \$900 and was being held for seeding purposes in the spring. A clew to the thieves is in the hands of Sheriff Henderson and it is thought they will be taken within a few days.

Pioneer Gold Miner is Dead After 50 Years of Work

Canyon City, Or., Dec. 17.—Ralph Bynam, a Grant county pioneer, passed away at his home near this city Friday evening. Mr. Bynam came to Canyon City in 1862, in search of the gold which had been discovered at the new camp on Canyon creek. He located several claims, which proved to be rich and he spent over half a century with a miner's pan in his hand only laying it down when stricken with pneumonia a few days ago. He was 81 years old. Three sons and one daughter survive.

OREGON SPLITS ON PROHIBITION VOTE Hawley and Sinnott to Stand for Amendment and McArthur Against.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Oregon delegation in the lower house will divide on the prohibition vote today. Sinnott and Hawley voting for and McArthur voting against the resolution providing for a constitutional amendment.

In a two-minute speech, McArthur said he held no brief for liquor traffic and denounced 'that sinkhole of iniquity, the saloon,' but said that he would not be a party to any movement he regards inimical to the best interests of the country. His district, the day he was elected to congress, voted against bone-dry state-wide prohibition by 8000 votes he said, and for this additional reason he would vote against the amendment.

Income Tax Man At Medford Jan. 21.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue Miltor A. Miller, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on Jan. 21 and will be here until Feb. 8. He will have his office in the City Hall at Medford and will be there every day ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

How many income tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2000, or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1000, or over this year, then you know. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimates that there will be 814 taxpayers in this County.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918.

Oregon's Fur Industry Yields \$100,000 Yearly

Eugene, Dec. 17.—Oregon's furbearing animals yield a net return of \$100,000 a year to residents of the state, say students in the school of commerce. 1700 trappers devote either all or part of their time to catching fur-bearing animals for the market.

Oregon's best furs comes from the marten, otter, beaver and mink, although the beaver is protected by law. Large quantities of coarser furs are produced from the muskrat, skunk and raccoon. The state produces nearly 2500 mink skins a year. Harney county alone yielded 10,250 muskrat skins last year.

Governor Will Fight Crawford's Lawsuit

Salem, Or., Dec. 17.—Governor Withycombe said today he would resist the mandamus proceedings instituted by former Flax Superintendent Crawford to compel the executive to pay him a bonus of \$800 on the theory that the superintendent had operated the flax plant at a profit. Governor Withycombe contends that the plant was not operated with profit, and will ask the attorney general legally to fight the proceedings to collect bonus.

Paul Menzenmier is Dead At His Marion County Home

Salem, Or., Dec. 17.—Paul Menzenmier, a resident of the Willamette valley since 1891, is dead at his home here. He was a Civil war veteran. Surviving him, besides the widow, are two sons and three daughters.

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

Corvallis—Farmers in the vicinity of Hoskins, Philomath and Corvallis have organized a Federal Farm Loan Association.

North Bend—Ruehner mill to be enlarged and add 60 hands.

Wallowa—Bear Creek timber and mill site sold. 100,000 foot mill to be erected.

Western Union Telegraph Company stringing a wire from Eugene to Portland via Coburg and Lebanon line.

Albany—60,000 lbs. of beans shipped from here by one firm.

Falls City—Sawmill near here is now completed and in operation.

Coquille—Eureka coal mine near here to resume operations, new machinery having been installed and electric power will be used.

Coquille—Mill belonging to Buehner Co. to be electrified.

Pilot Rock—960 acre farm near here sold for \$43,200.

Farmers Union of Oregon desire \$6,000,000 road measure repealed.

Portland—Standifer Construction Co. to build 10 steel ships for U. S.

Portland—Receipts of Interstate bridge past 9 months, \$128,934.09.

Ukiah—Electric lights will soon be in use here.

Pendleton to lay several blocks of gravel Bitulithic pavement.

Pendleton to install sewer lateral.

Mount Scott to have Carnegie Library.

Roseburg—County Swine Breeders' Association to be organized.

Dallas—100,000 lbs. prunes harvested from 50 acres near here.

The so-called 'conservationists' have been forced to admit that their policies restricting oil and waterpower development have brought the country face to face with fuel famine.

Garden Valley wants spray factory also co-operative apple packing plant.

Enterprise—Flouring mill remodeled and add up-to-date machinery.

Farmers of Wallowa county to form County Agricultural Council.

Wallowa county to endeavor to increase the number of sires.

Roseburg—Loganberry juice plant will be established here provided the growers will guarantee to furnish the product from 300 acres.

Coos Bay ships 4,632,000 feet of fir and spruce the last two weeks of Nov.

Astoria—Clatsop Mill Co's. plant sold for \$590,000. New owners will remodel plant and erect large sash, door and box factories.

Carlton—Co-operative Creamery to equip to make cottage cheese.

Work started on Dufur-Kingsley section of Dallas-California highway.

Umatilla County Wild Horse highway to be improved with gravel.

Lakeview—Sawmill may be moved here.

Harrisburg farmers propose co-operative flour mill.

Marshfield to build \$20,000 armory.

Coquille—\$10,000 to be spent for a bridge.

Gardiner—Work on mill progressing, plant to operate Feb. 1st.

Port Orford—Camp on south fork of Coquille cutting cedar logs.

Shipbuilding in Oregon should be given every encouragement for it means development of many other lines of industry.

North Bend—Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. to add 2 travelling cranes.

Silverton—Standard Oil Co's. plant to install electric lights.

Marshfield—Tennille region to be drained.

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