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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

School on Wheels Planned. Corvallis.—The most extensive piece of work ever undertaken by the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college for the benefit of the farmers of the state began December 8, when the first of a series of itinerant schools was held in Molalla and Estacada.

Preparing to File on "Dry Farm" Land Klamath Falls.—Although the date when entry can be made is still some time away, a number of people from other places are coming to Klamath Falls with the intention of settling on some of the public land to be thrown open to entry in the Klamath project boundaries.

This land is in California and Oregon, and consists of lands found to be too high for any irrigation from the government ditches. There are a number of excellent dry farming tracts in the restored land, it is stated.

Postmaster is Blown to Pieces. Dallas.—A. D. Cook, general merchant and postmaster at Parker, in the southern part of Polk county, was literally blown to pieces by an explosion of dynamite. He had gone into a shed in the rear of his store where the explosive was stored, and, it is presumed, he stumbled while carrying a 50-pound box of dynamite and dropped it.

The shed was completely demolished, the store and barn badly damaged, and parts of Cook's body were picked up several hundred feet away.

BERNARD VON BULOW



Prince von Bulow, former Imperial Chancellor, who has been appointed German Ambassador to Italy.

Board of Control Reports Success. Salem.—The first biennial report of the Oregon state board of control for the period ending September 30 last, tells of the success of the new system of handling the affairs of the two hospitals for the insane, soldiers' home, tuberculosis institution, institution for the feeble minded, school for the deaf, penitentiary, state training school for boys, girls' industrial school and blind school. Visits to the institutions and frequent conferences with the heads of the institutions gives the board an accurate knowledge of actual conditions, the work being done and of improvements required to get still greater results, the report declares.

Plans School For Farmers. Rathdrum.—Arrangements are being made to hold a farmers' movable school here the last of the month in accordance with plans made by O. D. Center, director of the agricultural extension department of the University of Idaho. Local committees have been named to take charge.

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

Officers Chosen by Seed Growers. Twin Falls.—Acclaimed the largest attended and most enthusiastic convention in its history, the fourth annual gathering of the Idaho state seed growers closed after a three days' session here. The following officers were elected: President, J. Wyley Sessions, Pocatello; vice president, L. L. Young, Nampa; secretary-treasurer, O. D. Center, Boise; directors, two-year term, M. A. Thometz of Twin Falls, T. H. Hopkins of Springfield and C. C. Tobias of Caldwell; one-year term, A. J. Snyder of Springfield and O. E. Scott of Pocatello.

Juliaetta Aids the Belgians. Juliaetta.—Citizens contributed generously toward filling the Belgium relief car that Kendrick, Troy and Juliaetta have undertaken to fill. Eighty-eight people responded and the following were sent: Beans, 2460 pounds; flour, 4450 pounds; meal, 30 pounds; Juliaetta cannery, tomatoes, 110 pounds. The car has been sent to Kendrick, from thence goes to Troy, then it will be shipped to the Spokane chamber of commerce and finally to New York and the relief ships.

JANITOR SUSPECT HAS CRIME RECORD

Sacramento.—David Fountain, janitor of the church here in which the body of the murdered 10-year-old school girl, Margaret Milling, was found, admitted to the police that he had spent a year and a half in Iowa insane asylums and had served five terms in Pennsylvania and Iowa prisons for burglary and safe robbery. Fountain, who reported the crime, was arrested. When first taken into custody he talked volubly, but later under a siege of vigorous questioning by the police and district attorney, he was taciturn and sullen.

He was led to the little room under the belfry of the church where the murder is believed to have been committed and whose floor still bears traces of the tragedy. No emotion was exhibited by the janitor. The police declared themselves to be well satisfied with the investigation as a result of the admissions by Fountain of his past life. His prison terms, he said, were two years in the penitentiary at Cherry Hill, Pa., and two, five, two and seven years successively in the Fort Madison (Ia.) prison. The Iowa insane asylums in which he said he had been incarcerated were at Trenton and Mount Pleasant.

NATIONAL DEFENSE URGED

Civic Federation Takes Stand for Preparation Against Attack. New York.—Resolutions advocating the creation by the United States of a council of National defense were adopted by the National Civic federation after a discussion on national preparedness against attack. The duties of the council recommended would be "to consider, decide and report to congress what legislation is necessary to provide for the national defense without waste or unnecessary expense."

Any recommendation of the proposed council should, in the language of the resolution, "aim to secure the efficiency of existing forces on land and sea and a definite policy to insure peace." Dr. Jordan protested against what he called a "tirade against the so-called inefficiency of the army or the navy," and declared we should protest against an agitation for more armament "at a time when the nations of the earth are crumbling each other because of their 'perfect equipment.'"

California Wet by 169,145. Officially. Sacramento.—The state of California went wet by 169,145 votes, according to totals announced from the secretary of state's office.

\$30,000 FIRE AT CITY HALL TUESDAY

Big Lot of Bills Allowed and Illuminated Sign Goes Out

WATER MAIN ORDERED REPAIRED. The council met Thursday evening with all present but Zimmerman. Big lot of bills were allowed. The usual class B licenses were issued also a class C to H. E. Whitworth. The new fire chief was sworn in and in inventory of the apparatus was filed by the recorder. The chief reported that the dup valves were out of order in five hydrants, and they were ordered repaired. Resolutions were passed discontinuing the illuminated sign at the depot. The recorder repudiated the representation of the \$30,000 of building bonds and council by resolution returned the money to the finance room and destroyed them. Finance committee was authorized to receive bids and purchase 30 tons of coal for the city hall and ten for library.

The matter of canvassing returns of general city election held December, was made a special order of business. 271 votes were cast, as follows: E. A. Frasier 244, L. B. Fry 247, H. Z. Peterson 234 and L. Scotting 47. 160 votes were cast in favor of bonding credit of city to promote industries and 57 against.

Pursuant to the expression of the people in this question the mayor appointed a committee of 3 councilmen, city attorney, district attorney, and two business men as follows: Bayer, Frasier and Homer from council, McCullough, city attorney; Brooks, district attorney; L. Adam and E. V. Petten as business men whereupon the council did adjourn.

LARGEST RANCH IN THE VALLEY TO BE STOCKED SOON

There is going to be a general change in conditions at the K. S. and D. ranch.

Mr. Williams, the new man in charge, is from Kansas, and he is busy getting things in shape to make a first class hog and cattle ranch out of the place.

A new barn 72x24 has been erected another building 32x22 and still others to handle the business.

There has been over a hundred head of young thoroughbred Herfords placed on the ranch and they have another lot of two year-old Short-horns coming, also a lot of fine brood sows.

There are some 1400 acres of the higher lands in the place and 300 acres of bottom lands and these will all be fenced and cross fenced to care for the stock.

This is by far the largest ranch in the valley and all will be pleased to see it improved and stocked.

WESTERN PACIFIC OFFICIALS LIKE ONTARIO AS A POSSIBLE TERMINAL POINT FOR FEEDER

The Western Pacific officials arrived in Ontario this evening from Winnemucca and expressed themselves as well pleased with the route traversed. They came by way of Denio, covering the Pueblo valley, the Alvord ranch and the fertile lands to the east of Stein's mountain, the Barren valley to the Crowley ranch, where one of the machines had trouble. The route from there was by Skull Springs and Harper to Ontario.

The party took the train here, indicating they figure on covering the valley with electric lines, with Ontario as the terminus.

FOUR GERMAN VESSELS SUNK IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

On Tuesday the British fleet, recently sent to the South Atlantic, encountered the German fleet, sinking three vessels. On Wednesday another was sunk and they are after the fifth vessel.

BANKERS OF EASTERN OREGON TO MEET HERE

Many Good Speakers Will Explain New Banking Law

BIG BANQUET AT THE CARTER. The bankers of Eastern Oregon, known as group six of the state will hold a meeting here on Saturday, December the 19th in the Commercial club rooms. The district is composed of Union, Baker, Wallowa, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. There will be speakers present from Portland, Boise and other cities who will speak on different features of the new banking law. The general sessions will be open to the public. The local bankers have arranged for a banquet in the Carter house with plates for fifty guests. Mr. Brown, the National Bank examiner, was here Monday giving out information about the workings of the new bank system.

DR. COLCORD MAKES GOOD WITH NEW BAND BOYS

Dr. Colcord, who has charge of the new bank being organized, reports that he is getting along fine and will soon have a band of 25 members who will be a credit to the city. The doctor has been fortunate in securing the help of a few old players, some of them soloists, who are assisting, and when they have made up their final list will have enough old players to help the new ones along and round them up in short order. It is the intention to give a concert sometime after the first of the year so the people may have an opportunity of hearing the band and players. A band is practically a necessary in a live town and the citizens should give the new organization every encouragement and assistance possible.

SINNOTT WILL SUPPORT THE MALHEUR-OWYHEE PROJECT

Congressman Sinnott was here last Saturday and met with the members of the Nyasa and Ontario Commercial clubs here and later visited the lands to come under the Malheur-Owyhee project.

Mr. Sinnott was very agreeably surprised when shown what the proposition here really is and stated that he was satisfied that the people of the state had no idea of the class and quantity of lands that will be reclaimed when the waters are turned on them.

Mr. Sinnott gathered much data while here and promised to do all in his power to promote the work and have an appropriation made to carry it on.

LODZ TAKEN BY GERMAN ARMY

Berlin Reports Russian Loss of Important Fortress in Poland.

Berlin, via London.—It is officially announced that the Germans occupied Lodz Sunday. Lodz is a fortress of the second class, but was one of Russia's main points of defense in Poland, ranking with Warsaw. Petrograd.—The Novoe Vremya's correspondent at the front, in a dispatch to his paper, tells of the bombardment of Lodz. "The shelling of Lodz continued for a week and grew heavier and heavier until the shells were landing in the town at five-minute intervals, setting many fires. "From the battlefield the town appeared enveloped in flames. "The town is in a pitiable state. The inhabitants are scantily provided with food and there is no employment, as the factories have long since been closed. There has been no regular communication with the outside world the past two months."

Lodz, a city of 415,604 population, is the chief manufacturing center of Russian Poland. It has numerous textile mills, the majority of them for the manufacture of cotton goods. In addition it has flour mills, dyeing establishments, brickyards, machinery plants and breweries. The population is made up of Poles, Germans and Jews.

FRENCH ADVANCING IN ALSACE-LORRAINE

Geneva, via Paris.—During the past few days there has been a slow but general movement of the French in Alsace against the German landwehr forces. The movement also has begun in Lorraine. Burnhaupt, near Thann, with five miles of railroad, was captured.

The Vosges mountains are so deep in snow that at Tete-de-Faux, near Col-du-Bonhomme, at an altitude of 7680 feet, the advance guards of the armies are fighting in snow two feet deep. The men in the trenches in Alsace are suffering greatly from the cold.

Paris.—A dispatch to Temps from Geneva says:

"The federal council has issued a communication declaring that there is renewed activity by the French and German forces in Upper Alsace. Between Pfetterhausen and the French frontier, on the route of Rechez, the French have placed batteries of heavy artillery southwest of Pfetterhausen, between the village and the frontier of Switzerland; the French also have prepared entrenchments and barbed wire obstacles.

"The Germans have constructed fortifications at Ottendorf, Liebensdorf and on the heights west of the River Ill on territory approaching that of the French."

Cattle Plague is Controlled.

Washington.—Officials of the department of agriculture believe the foot and mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by the first of the year.

ALIEN LAW IS PROTESTED

Great Britain and Italy Are Opposed to Arizona Act.

Washington.—Formal protests were lodged with the department against the Arizona law by the British and Italian ambassadors and a message was sent to Governor Hunt asking if he had authority to postpone action.

The British ambassador informed the department that British subjects would test the law in the courts. He did not make any reference in his note to any treaty between Great Britain and the United States, but based his protest on the provision in the constitution of the United States, which declares that no states shall "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The Italian protest was based on the treaty of 1871 between the United States and Italy.

CONGRESS BEGINS THIRD SESSION

Attention Will Be Chiefly Devoted to Seven Great Appropriation Measures

Washington.—At noon Monday the third session of the Sixty-third Congress convened.

Democratic leaders in informal conferences before the opening of the session, which is destined to be devoted chiefly to appropriation measures, have been unanimous in expressing the hope that the legislative program of necessities could be concluded by March 4 next, when the present congress automatically will end.

Many republican leaders, however, have said that there were many important measures which they would urge for passage, and some indicated that supply bills might be delayed to such an extent that an extra session next spring and summer would be necessary.

Important Measures Pending in Senate. Before the senate committee on Philippine Islands, the bill to pave the way for Philippine independence, which passed the house at the last session, is pending.

Other important measures pending in the senate are the immigration bill, with the literacy test for aliens, which passed the house at the last session, and rural credits legislation.

At least seven of the great annual supply measures of congress are to be rushed, so as to report them to the house before the Christmas holidays. These are the legislative, executive and judicial, the District of Columbia, fortifications, pensions, military, post-office and rivers and harbors appropriation bills.

Before the house are pending the proposed financial relief of the cotton states, under an agreement reached at the last session.

Cotton Currency Seems Doomed. Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee, says he is prepared to rebuff his fight for the \$250-

HENRY MORGENTHAU



Photo by American Press Association. Henry Morgenthau, American Ambassador to Turkey, upon whom rests the protection of Christians.

900,000 cotton currency bill as a substitute for a currency measure for enlarging the amount of currency that can be based on commercial paper, a measure that the federal reserve board and administration leaders in congress have agreed is no longer necessary.

Chairman Glass, of the house currency committee, who pressed this commercial paper bill at the last session, has abandoned his efforts for it. The indications are that the cotton proposition will be defeated.

Members in Washington have informally discussed the military situation, particularly the agitation started by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, in behalf of his resolution for an investigation into the preparedness of the United States for war. The resolution to investigate has been pending in the house since the latter part of last session and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, plans to introduce a similar resolution in the senate.