

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Portland's annual rose show will be held Thursday and Friday, June 13 and 14.

The Oregon Bankers' association met Saturday at Bend for the 13th annual convention.

A three days' picnic and reunion of Linn county pioneers was held at Brownville, ending Friday.

G. E. Spence, of Oregon City, was re-elected master of the Oregon State Grange in session at Salem.

The eleventh annual convention of the Oregon association of Title Men was held Friday in Portland.

Labor on Coos bay is about to be unionized in every branch if the local labor council movement terminates successfully.

It is expected that the state lime board will ask the emergency board for a deficiency appropriation of \$5000 instead of \$10,000 at its next meeting.

The department of Oregon, United Spanish War Veterans, are planning to hold their annual encampment and convention at Portland June 21.

At the annual commencement exercises of the Oregon normal school at Monmouth, to be held Wednesday, June 19, 135 graduates will receive diplomas.

The state highway commission has been authorized by the capital issues committee at Washington to issue and sell at once another \$500,000 in highway bonds.

Not including 12 counties, which had not reported their registration, 3424 Oregon young men who have become 21 years old since June 5 of last year have registered.

An ordinary "scrub" hog brought \$335 when sold at auction at the Union stock show at La Grande. It was purchased and redonated to the Red Cross several times.

The sawmill of the Flachr Lumber company, three miles back of Marcola on the Mohawk branch of the Southern Pacific, 18 miles from Eugene, was destroyed by fire.

Eleven carloads of flour, returned by patriotic Oregon householders and dealers for shipment to France, has been paid for and taken in charge by food administration officials.

Frank Ransom, of Portland, who for several months has been serving in an important position with the lumber committee of the war industries board, has tendered his resignation and expects to return to Portland.

That the prune industry is increasing rapidly every year in Polk county is proven by a survey recently taken by county officials, when it was discovered that there are now 3320 acres of prune orchards in the county.

Oregon and California railroad lands in the Bull Run forest reserve will be withheld from entry by the commissioner of the land office until legislation has been passed by congress taking it from general entry, thus protecting Portland's water supply.

Since the beginning of the war the fir and spruce producing mills of Oregon and Washington have supplied the government with 435,000,000 feet of lumber, exclusive of the airplane spruce manufactured by the government's own plant at Vancouver, Wash.

Abbott Lawrence, pupil in the seventh grade at Westport, holds the individual record for the sale of thrift stamps since the opening of the war savings campaign in the schools, having sold \$4,560 worth, according to a report received by Superintendent Churchill.

Immense sums subscribed to liberty loans have not affected bank deposits, which, on May 10, amounted to \$194,383,998.57 in all of the banks and trust companies of the state, or an increase of \$25,172,467.28 over May 1, 1917, according to a statement issued by Superintendent of Banks Bennett.

The lowest fire loss record in Portland for 16 years was established during the first six months of the fiscal year 1918. The fire loss for this period was \$84,471.58. This sum is virtually one-half of the fire loss in the first six months of 1917, when the aggregate loss totaled \$156,435.47.

Three fatal accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending June 6, out of a total of 572 accidents recorded. The fatally injured workmen were: Chris R. Rowe, Sumpter, dredging; A. R. Church, Portland, shipbuilding; Carl Mulhs, Portland, shipbuilding.

Some extensive improvements are to be made at the Klaskanine river salmon hatchery. The fish commissioner recently acquired some additional land and plans to expend in the neighborhood of \$7000 in betterments. The first work to be done will be to increase the number of rearing ponds so that at least 10,000,000 fish can be handled the coming season. Later the buildings will be enlarged and the capacity of the plant increased to approximately 20,000,000 young salmon annually.

A total of 54,741 motor vehicles were registered by June 1, this year, according to a statement issued by Secretary Olcott. The total fees received for the half year were \$408,677.50 as compared to 38,242 vehicles registered for the first six months of last year, and \$152,459.50 in fees received for the same period.

Pendleton was selected as the next meeting place of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association, which held its annual convention at Salem, the dates of the convention to conform with those of the Round-up. O. A. Hartman, of Salem, was elected president and F. M. French, of Albany, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Renewed interest is being taken in the black sands at the mouth of the Columbia river. While the peculiar magnetic quality of these sands has been known for many years, it was only recently that they proved their value to the horticultural development of the community. The new cranberry industry is the beneficiary.

Commencing this week the consolidation commission will hold hearings at Salem to determine what boards and commissions can be abolished and consolidated. Besides it will thoroughly probe into the expenditure of all state departments with the view of determining if they can be more economically and efficiently conducted.

The rails for the new municipal railroad from Klamath Falls to Dairy, 20 miles east, and the first link of the great Strahorn system which is destined later to develop the great inland empire of Oregon, have reached Olene, and it is expected that active operation over this part of the line will be instituted at an early date.

To discuss the new freight rates scheduled to go into effect June 25 under the order of William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, and the effect such increased rates will have upon the growers and shippers of Oregon a public conference with growers and shippers will be held by the public service commission Thursday in Portland.

The body of Dr. John W. Harris, Oregon pioneer and prominent physician of Eugene, who mysteriously disappeared following his indictment for manslaughter in connection with an alleged criminal operation, was found by a searching party in Hendrick's park, on the outskirts of the city. There were no evidences of suicide on the body.

Petitions to the United States shipping board are being circulated among employes of Astoria shipyards asking that the half holiday Saturday be declared off. The petition states that in order to hasten production of ships the men are willing to work Saturday afternoon on straight time. The requests are being signed by nearly all men employed there.

James T. Chonnock, superintendent of water division No. 1, comprising counties west of the Cascades, has resigned, effective July 15. Governor Withycombe has announced that he will appoint Percy A. Cupper to succeed Mr. Chonnock. Mr. Cupper is the republican nominee and now assistant state engineer as well as secretary of the desert land board.

The public service commission has received notice from C. A. Prouty, director in the government railroad department, that hereafter the freight business of the railroads must be put on a strictly cash basis. Freight may be shipped out or be delivered for established firms without the money being in hand, the order points out, but the cash must be collected before the close of the day.

A plot possibly to murder the jailer and permit escape of prisoners from the county jail was frustrated at Baker when Sheriff Anderson found concealed in a mattress in one of the cells, several large knives with blades about 16 inches long. Investigation developed that G. H. Flock, who, following his indictment, voluntarily appeared at the jail and gave himself up, had brought in the knives.

Rises in public utility rates are recommended to the public service commission by the war finance corporation for all utilities attempting to borrow money from that corporation, in a letter received by the commission. The corporation declares that it does not feel as though it should loan money other than on good security and a utility that is losing money is not considered good security.

Boys and girls at the state training school will be sent into the country to the berry patches and for other light work, as far as possible, this year. State Treasurer Kay suggested such a move at a meeting of the board of control, and the heads of the institution said they would fall in line with the idea, as far as possible. Some of the boys have been working in the onion fields with excellent success.

At a meeting at Coquille it was decided by an overwhelming vote to immediately inaugurate recall proceedings against County Commissioners Philip and Armstrong and County Judge Watson. A meeting this week will select candidates to oppose the three officials. Armstrong was recently defeated for re-nomination, but it is proposed to cut out the balance of his term. Charges made allege extravagance and incompetency.



H. A. WHEELER
Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago, recently elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

NORTHWEST STATES TO PROTEST RAISE

Salem, Or.—A conference of the public service commissions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho is expected in the near future, probably at Portland, to formulate a plan for the protection of the Pacific northwest territory against palpable unfairness in the proposed 25 per cent increase in freight rates.

The Washington commission proposed such a conference by telegraph to the Oregon commission. The Washington commission says it is preparing a protest to file with the interstate commerce commission against the percentage increase on fruit rates, particularly on apples and canned goods eastbound. Commercial bodies of that state are joining against the method increasing the export and import rates and other increases.

1000 SOLDIERS NATURALIZED

Drafted Men in Camp Lewis Are Made Citizens.

Camp Lewis, Wash.—Probably the most momentous event in the past few weeks was the naturalization Saturday of 1000 alien soldiers, members of the Ninety-first division.

All of the men were given full rights as citizens following the administration of the oaths by Federal Judges Jeremiah Neterer and E. E. Cushman, who held special sessions of the federal court in the library of the One Hundred Sixty-sixth depot brigade.

The soldiers were all naturalized, under the provisions of the amendment to the naturalization law approved by the president May 9, and under which all alien soldiers, not natives of countries now at war with the United States, could become citizens without going through the usual formalities.

There are about 5000 men in camp to be naturalized and this will take the next three or four weeks.

Polish Legion to Fight With Allies.

Washington.—Word reached here from France that the Polish legion of 15,000 men recruited in the United States, together with some 2000 Poles drawn from South America, will take its place with the allied armies. Though they serve with the French army as a separate unit, the Poles will carry their own flag, and some of the companies from the United States will display the Stars and Stripes as well. They are all outside of the draft age or ineligible as enemy aliens for service in the American army.

Red Cross Fund Over-Subscribed.

Washington.—The American Red Cross second war mercy fund now totals \$166,439,291, with indications that when all reports from the drive of a week ago are tabulated, a \$70,000,000 over-subscription of the \$100,000,000 goal will be shown.

Allied Air Raids Demoralize Germans.

Washington.—Allied air raids on German towns are demoralizing the German people. Advice to the state department said that the effect upon the populations of cities bombed was far greater than heretofore reported.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$57.50 ton.
Corn—Whole, \$73; cracked, \$74.
Hay—Timothy, \$30 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.50.
Butter—Creamery, 40c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 38c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$1@1.25 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 22@29c; broilers, 23@28c; roasters, 16@17c.

Seattle.
Butter—Creamery, 43c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 44c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 36c; light, 36c; broilers, 60c; roasters, dressed, 28c; ducks, live, 30c; dressed, 24c; geese, live, 27; dressed, 38c; turkeys, live, 28@30c; dressed, 36@40c.



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Town Topics Tersely Told

Jesse Randleman was another Westfall visitor Sunday.

Mrs. John Napton of Homedale was shopping in the town Tuesday.

Jesse T. Johnson arrived in the city from Pawhuska, Okla., Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Upton and daughter of Portland were visiting in Ontario this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson and son of Riverside were visiting here Monday.

A. E. Brown of Venator is in town attending to some business matters at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Arnold and daughter, Miss Alva, have gone up to Drewsey on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton of Mooreville were visiting friends here Thursday and Friday.

Homer Maddux, formerly of the Argus staff, is now working on the Mallett ranch.

I. E. Oakes of the Brogan Orchard Co. and A. B. Fox, the rancher, were down from the interior Monday.

James Graham of the Graham Bros. at Westfall, and Albert Hucker, the stage driver, were in town last Thursday.

Little Alice Dorman left for Portland Saturday night with Mrs. Letson and will visit her little friend, Gwendolyn Newton, there.

Billy Jones, banker and stockman, has been down from Juntura renewing old acquaintances during the past two or three days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Campbell and son of Chicago were guests of the Moore hotel during a brief sojourn in Ontario from their trip thru the Western states.

Mrs. Agnes Murphy and daughters, Misses Margaret and Mae, were visiting friends here the past week. The Misses Murphy have just returned from spending the term in school in Baker.

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Mrs. W. J. Weese, Miss Rosa Biggs, Mrs. John Dunphy, and the Misses Cora and Ethel McNulty motored up to the ranch and spent Sunday with Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs and family.

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CARING FOR SOLDIERS.

Already in England the Y. M. C. A. is caring for wounded men, teaching them a trade or giving the heroes trained instructions so that they will be self supporting in spite of their injuries.

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LAUDS AMERICAN SOLDIER.

John B. Howarth, a Y.M.C.A. war work secretary in Paris, writes that the center at which place he is stationed, accommodations for 3500 men are at hand, that Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., has charge of fifty women workers and F. S. Edmonds, a Philadelphia lawyer looks after the business affairs. He says the American soldiers are clean, cheerful, wholesome fellows and an army any nation might be proud to claim.

Halt the Hun

Provide the boys with things they need to make short work of him.

Guns, clothes, aircraft, food, munitions and the ships to get over with. These are the things the boys need, and they cost money—hunks of it.

June 28th National War Savings Day

MAKE A PLEDGE TO BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

THE MORE QUICKLY OUR SOLDIERS HAVE ALL THE THINGS THEY NEED, THE MORE QUICKLY THE SHIPS WILL BE BRINGING OUR BOYS BACK TO US.

NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE

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