

OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF

Salem's school census decreased 662 from last year.

Fire completely destroyed the sawmill of Frank Crusan, near Dexter, 18 miles east of Eugene, entailing a loss of \$4000.

Dates of the Pacific International livestock show, annually held in Portland, have been announced as December 9 to 15.

All of the schools of Linn county were closed Monday by orders issued by Mrs. Cummings, county school superintendent.

Fire Prevention day in Oregon as a day of celebrations, mass meetings and parade was indefinitely postponed from November 2.

The farmers of the Union section are nearly through their fall plowing and seeding and the apple crop, which was very light, is practically all gathered.

Superintendents of all state institutions will receive increases in salaries if the legislature adopts a recommendation decided upon by the state board of control.

Thomas Jefferson Hayter, one of the oldest surviving pioneers of Polk county, passed away at his home in Dallas after an illness of several months due to old age.

Based on figures on a census taken of 851 homes in the city, W. R. Rutherford, superintendent of schools, estimated that there are 590 cases of influenza in Eugene.

James Oscar Rich, of Eugene, who suffered a fractured skull when a speeder from which he fell ran over him near Mapleton, died from the injuries he received.

Recent heavy rains, coupled with rigid enforcement of health regulations, have produced a marked improvement in the Spanish influenza situation in North Bend.

Through Mayor Magnus Saxon, the city of St. Helens has presented to Mrs. J. H. McKie a silken service flag bearing four stars, representing her four sons in the service.

Senator Chamberlain appointed Slaton Marcellus Miller, 18 years old, of Roseburg, as his candidate from the state at large for the United States military academy at West Point.

Heavy onion losses, such as occurred last year in Oregon, may be prevented or to a large extent minimized by providing for adequate ventilation, says H. P. Barsa, plant pathologist at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Miss Lillian Tingle, of the department of home economics at the University of Oregon, has been appointed vice-president of the National Council of Executive and Administrative Women in Education for the state of Oregon.

The average daily population for the biennium at the Soldiers' home has been 148, according to the report of Commandant Markee, just issued. Of these 147 were engaged in the Civil war, 21 in Indian wars and four in the Spanish war.

While the tug Pioneer was attempting to enter Coos bay, towing the lumber-laden barge Wallacut, with a crew of six men, the tow line broke and the barge was carried on the south spit. The sea was rough and the barge lost her mast and cargo.

Representative Sinnott has designated as his appointees to West Point, Charles O. Canham, of Nyssa, principal, and Walter Marshall, of Voltaire, alternate. To Annapolis he designated Robert Emahiser, La Grande, principal, and Joseph B. Weller, Mosier, alternate.

Lack of accommodation for emergency cases and pressing need of more room, accentuated by the exigencies of war, are pointed out in the biennial report of Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state tuberculosis hospital, filled with the state board of control.

An order authorizing the sale of 2,348,000 feet of Port Orford cedar on the Coos Bay wagon grant lands at a price of not less than \$8 a thousand feet was signed by United States District Judge Wolverton. Timber cut from the tract will be used for airplane stock.

A secret indictment charging him with accepting \$150 from Fred A. Matson, a former prisoner, caused the arrest of Charles S. Sheridan, a former guard at the state penitentiary. Sheridan is the first person to be taken into custody as a result of the prison parole investigation.

The great decrease of the dairy industry in Oregon and the butchering of large numbers of milch cows during the past year, which has been reported in a number of press articles recently, is not indicated in Klamath county, in the belief of W. P. Johnson, of the Klamath Falls creamery. Mr. Johnson states that while a slight decrease is noted in the amount of cream received over a corresponding date last year, the difference is not appreciable.

Regardless of the fact that tons of fruit pits have been saved for the gas defense division of the United States army, another appeal came to Oregonians through Governor Withycombe from that division for continued saving of materials needed for gas mask

production, and the governor asks the people of the state to respond.

Loaded with evaporated pitted cherries, blackcaps and loganberries worth \$19,500, a car has just been sent out by the Salem Fruit union for Canada. Of the 4,000,000 pounds of prunes sold by the Salem Fruit union shipping orders have been received for 800,000 pounds. From one to two carloads of prunes are being sent out daily.

The Oregon public service commission received a telegram from O. O. Calderhead, at Washington, D. C., saying that the convention of the National Association of Utility Commissioners will not be postponed on account of the influenza epidemic, but will meet as scheduled, on November 12. A representative of the Oregon commission probably will attend the session.

The picking of Hood River apples is practically completed, and forces of growers will be concentrated the coming week on packing the fruit and getting it to storage plants and shipping warehouses. The fruit continues to roll to eastern distribution points at the rate of an average of 15 carloads daily. While shippers are temporarily delayed at times, no shortage of refrigerator cars has been noted.

The 12 home guard companies placed in the recently formed Second regiment of the Oregon volunteer guard, were officially designated as units of the regiment and given the letters by which they will be known. In an order made by Willard L. Marks, of Albany, who was selected as colonel of the regiment. This regiment includes the home guard organizations of Linn, Benton, Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook counties.

Stealing seems to be one of the great weaknesses of wayward boys. Nineteen of the youths committed to the state training school during the last biennium were sent there for that offense, 18 of them for stealing automobiles, according to the biennial report of Superintendent Gilbert. Fifty-nine are in for delinquency, 32 for truancy and 18 for burglary. Thirty-one of the boys are in for larceny, 24 for incorrigibility and 15 for immorality. Two violated the game laws; the rest are for scattering offenses.

Spanish influenza has taken a new hold at the state penitentiary, where 10 prisoners are ill with the disease.

A 25 per cent increase in freight rates was granted by the public service commission to the Sumpter Valley railroad, the commission declaring that an emergency existed. This increase corresponds to the one granted while the road was under federal control. Threats of a strike and the necessity for added revenue by the road caused quick action on the part of the commission.

Exemption boards of Clatsop and Klamath counties have lagged in the work of classifying new registrants and are charged with holding the state selective service department back in the nation-wide competition. Fourteen boards of Oregon have completed all work outlined for them in the competitive race and are credited with having checked into "column seven." The divisions which have made this record are: Baker, Coos, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Lake, Lane, Linn, Morrow, Yamhill and Portland No. 5, No. 7 and No. 9.

The dam of the Ochoco irrigation project is now about one-fourth completed. The main unit, now under construction, is daily rising toward its maximum height. During the past six weeks 130,000 cubic yards of materials have been placed in the fill of the main dam. The work on the main canal and laterals has been brought to a close. The tunnel, which is drilled through solid rock, and which forms an important link in the main canal, has recently been completed. The Juniper Cove lateral is now completed.

All public service commissions on the coast will be asked to join with the Oregon commission in a protest against the 10 per cent rise granted the American Railway Express company, according to a letter sent to the Nevada commission by the Oregon commission. The Oregon commission protested against the increase before it was granted on the ground that relief could be obtained for the express company by making a split of 45 per cent of the gross receipts to the railroads and 55 to the express company, instead of the 50-50 basis now used.

The removal of the differential from the transcontinental freight rate on Willamette valley lumber by the interstate commerce commission affects the marketing of 45,500,000,000 feet of timber from national forests alone. As the differential varied from 6 to 13 cents a thousand feet and was in addition to the coast rate, it made competing with Portland, Columbia river and Puget sound lumber interests impossible. All lumber south of Portland to Lowell, just south of Eugene, is now accessible to the market, at the same rate of freight into territory east of the Rocky mountains as lumber originating at or north of Portland.

The spy and the plotter should be introduced to the firing squad.



Did one of these 200 letters come to you?

A DUSTY courier slid off his motor-cycle at the big double hut in a French town and tramped up to the canteen.

"Got a note for the secretary from my commanding officer," he said. He handed a piece of paper across the counter to a smiling middle-aged man.

This is the note the Secretary read:

We landed here three days ago—miles from anywhere. Can you send us some supplies, especially writing paper? This is the first chance the boys have had to write home and we have no paper to give them.

The older man looked up and grinned.

"Got you away off in the woods, have they?"

"I'll say they have!"

"Can you carry anything?"

"All you'll give me!"

From the shelves the secretary took big packages of paper and envelopes.

"Too much?" He asked.

"It will be gone ten minutes after I get back!" said the boy.

"Tonight," the secretary went on, "I'll drive out a truck with more supplies and a man to stay with you. And tell the boys that if their letters are finished, I'll bring them back with me tonight, and get them into the mails."

An hour later that motor-cyclist whizzed into camp, loaded down with writing paper, and in ten minutes letters were being written to 200 American homes.

The United War Work organizations know what letters mean to American soldiers. They know that fighters want to get letters and want to write letters.

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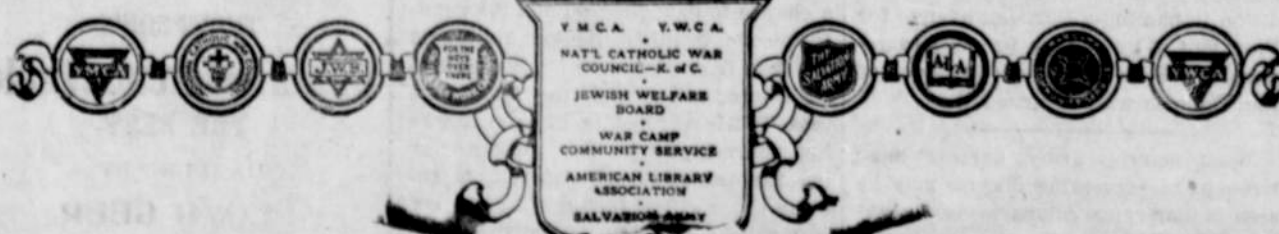
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