OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF

Portland will appropriate \$2,825,470 for its public schools in 1919.

The Western Walnut association convened at McMinnville Wednesday. Miss Doris Sawyer has become tester for the Linn county Cow Testing association.

Farmers' and homemakers' week will not be held at the Oregon Agricultural college this winter.

Plans are being made for holding the annual Pork county corn show in Independence December 13 and 14.

In the Hillsboro city election an initiated measure closing motion picture theaters on Sunday was defeated, 372 to 144.

Three hundred and seventeen boxes of pears shipped to the Earl Fruit company in Chicago by Dugald Campbell, of Eugene, sold for \$1144.39.

Officials of the big oil companies represented in Oregon have announced that service stations and garages will resume Sunday gasoline sales at

Multnomah county's road programme for 1919 calls for an expenditure of \$725,467.50, according to the testative estimate of contemplated work.

The Marshfield city council has adopted one of the most drastic dance ordinances in the state, requiring license and restrictions that are very

It is feared that influenza may wipe out Hood River valley's few remaining Indians. The epidemic has struck a village north of the city of Hood River.

The public service commission has suspended the action of the American Railway Express company in discontinuing offices at Sumpter, Whitney and Prairie.

Robbers entered the Citizens' State bank at Grass Valley, dynamited the vault and escaped with a number of canceled checks, some valuable securities and a small sum of money.

Wemen officials in the town of Umatilla, elected two years ago, when they went out and made a spirited campaign against the men, were returned to office in the late election.

Oregon soldiers to the number of 159, of which 60 are from Multnomah county, have been returned to their home state from the various camps and cantonments on account of tuber-

Miss Pearl Snedeker has the distinction of being the first woman to take up cow testing association work in Gregon. The association, listing 761 cows, of which she has charge, is in Tillamook.

The big prune packing plant of the California Packing corporation located in Dallas has just received an order from the United States government for about 3,500,000 pounds of processed prunes.

Linn county will have an experienced delegation in the coming session of the legislature, for every man elected to a legislative office from that county has had previous service in the Oregon legislature.

The postoffice department has notified Representative McArthur that since no one will take the postmastership at Pleasant Home, Multnemah county, the department is considering the discontinuance of the office.

The heaviest Crater Lake travel in the history of the national park is reported for the season of 1918 by Assistant Superintendent H. E. Momyer. He reports 13,040 victors registered on the park books up to November 1.

Coos county has established a tuberculosis department at the county farm near Coquille for the purpose of furnishing attention to people afflicted with that disease during the time the state institution at Salem is overcrowded.

The Coos & Curry Telephone company has applied to the public service commission to be granted authority to impose a toll rate between Coquille and Myrtle Point; also to be granted increase on certain rentals and service charges.

Professor H. D. Scudder, of the Oregon Agricultural college has been engaged in field investigations in the vicinity of Amity, and from that vicinity south to Independence, the past ten days, in connection with plans for a practical demonstration farm.

Telephone rates for exchange service will be increased in Oregon November 15, according to claims made before the public service commission, irrespective of whether the proposed advance is approved by the commission. This unusual situation is declared to be due to the fact that the telephone service is under the control of the postoffice department, which has exercised the power of the federal government to enable the company to make an advance which the company asserts is necessary to enable improvement of service.

That 500 persons in Polk county canned 108,507 quarts of home preserves, fruits, vegetables and meats in 1918, valued at \$33,512.97, is shown in a report by Miss Anna M. Turley,

Apples are moving steadily through receiving plants at Hood River and along the line of the Mount Hood railway and more than 40 per cent of this year's crop has been routed to eastern points. The Apple Growers' association has shipped 586 cars of

Two fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week, out of a total of 358 industrial casualties in the state. The fatalities were: Oscar Wilkins, Grants Pass, construction work, and H. F. Larson, Portland, steel works.

Fishermen on the lower Coquille river have been enjoying unusual prosperity during the sliverside run and some have made a year's wages in one month. During the heaviest run one seining crew took 3300 fish in one day, amounting to about 35,000

Western Union telegraph business on Coos bay is under criticism, complaint having been entered by the Marshfield chamber of commerce to the authorities at Washington. The telegraph service has been very uncertain and aggravating delays have been reported.

Construction work on the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks has been shut down on account of weather conditions and will not be resumed until next spring, according to C. A. Dunn, construction engineer of the state highway department.

The spruce production work of establishing legging camps in the Boutin spruce area near Beaver Hill in Coos county is progressing fast and the force of soldiers now on the ground numbers over 500. They are engaged in building railroads, constructing camps and opening coal

A. J. Partan, manager; Franz Niemi, president; Jacob Kiuvala and W M. Reivo, directors of the Western Workmen's Publishing company, a Finnish socialist concern, of Astoria, were arrested on charges of sedition. The men are accused of circulating seditious literature and trying to discourage enlistment in the army and

The city of Astoria has applied to the state water board for appropriation of water from Big creek to supply an additional municipal water supply at an estimated cost of \$500. 000. The plan is to build a pipeline 161/4 miles long. The present population of Astoria is placed at 20,000. with as estimated population of 50,000 in the next few years.

The tunnel of the Homestead branch of the Oregon Short Line, hich runs between Huntington and Homestead, caught fire from a passenger train passing through it. The tunnel is located west of Homestead and is a half-mile long. It will be many days before the tunnel can be cleared, timbered and retracked and made safe for traffic.

Judge A. S. Bennett, democrat, of The Dalles, evidently has been elected associate justice of the Oregon supreme court over Circuit Judge Coke, of Marshfield, by a plurality of between 260 and 400. Official or complote unofficial returns from 32 counties and the incomplete count of Curry, Grant and Harney give The Dalles jurist a lead of 400 over Coke.

Though he is only 35 years old, Charles Chade, of Brownsville, probably will be "dean" of the Oregon house of representations at the comwas re-elected a representative from Linn county for a fourth consecutive term and there will prebably be no other house member at the 1910 session with his record for continuous service.

Following a long conference between city and county officials, city and state health officers, medical officers from Vancouver barracks and various business interests relative to the Spanish influenza epidemic in Portland, Mayor Baker issued an order that the closing ban which has been in effect in that city for nearly a month will be lifted Sunday, November 17.

The state military police, new numbering about 180 men, will be reduced to a force of 25 men, including officers, and Adjutant General Beebe will cut down his office force and take other steps to trim the expense of the military organization in this state, as a result of a conference between Governor Withycombe, Major Deich of the military police and Adjutant General Beebe

Quietly marshaling their forces and picking every voter with care, the women of Sandy sprung one of the biggest surprises of the day on November 5 when they elected Blanche R. Shelfey mayor and Edna Esson and Alice Scales for councilmen. their names were not printed so the ballot, and oriente of the ones working for them, it was not because with the sounding of the votes below.

Every now and then the kaiser decstate leader of home demonstration orates one of his six sons. About all agents at the Oregon Agricultural col. there is to any of those six sons are



When the Engine Stalls on Dead Man's Curve!

HEY climb aboard their loaded truck at sundown, fifteen miles behind the lines. They rumble through the winding streets, out on the white road that leads to Germany!

The man at the wheel used to be a broker in Philadelphia. Beside him sits an accountant from Chicago. A newspaper man from the Pacific Coast is the third. Now they all wear the uniform of one of these organizations.

The road sweeps round a village and on a tree is nailed a sign: "Attention! L'Ennemi Vous Voit! The Enemy Sees You!"

They glance far up ahead and there, suspended in the evening light, they see a Hun balloon.

"Say, we can see him plain tonight!" murmurs the accountant from Chicago.

"And don't forget," replies the Philadelphia broker, "that he can see us just as plain."

The packing cases creak and groan, the truck plods on-straight toward that hanging menace.

They reach another village where heaps of stone stand under crumpled walls.

Then up they go, through the strange silence broken only when a great projectile inscribes its arc of sound far overhead.

They reach a turn. They take it. They face a heavy incline. For half a mile it stretches and they know the Germans have the range of every inch of it. The mountain over there is where the big Boches' guns are fired. This incline is their target.

The three men on the truck bring up their gas masks to the alert, settle their steel helmets closer on their heads.

At first the camion holds its speed. Then it slackens off. The driver grabs his gear-shift, kicks out his clutch. The engine heaves-and heaves-and stalls!

"Quick! Spin it!" calls the driver. The California journalist has jumped. He tugs at the big crank.

"Wh-r-r-r-r-r-room!"

The shell breaks fifty yards behind. Another digs a hole beside the road fust on ahead.

And then the engine comes to life. It crunches, groans and answers. Slowly, with maddening lack of haste, it rumbles on.

"Wh-r-r-oom!" That one was close behind. The fragments of the shell are rattling on the truck.

Now shells are falling, further back along the road. And the driver feels the summit as his wheels begin to pick up speed.

Straight down a village street in which the buildings are only skeletons of buildings. He wheels into the courtyard of a great shell-torn chateau.

"Well, you made it again I see!" says a smiling face under a tin hat-a face that used to look out over a congregation in Rochester.

"Yep!" says the driver glancing at his watch. "And we came up Dead Man's Curve in less than three minutes -including one stall!"

Later that night two American boys, fresh from the trenches bordering that shattered town, stumble up the stairs of the chateau, into a sandbagged room where the Rochester minister has his

"Get any supplies tonight?" they ask.

"You bet I did!" is the answer, "What will you have?"

"What's those? Canned peaches? Gimme some. Package of American cigarettes—let's see—an' a cake of chocolate—an' some of them cookies!"

"Gosh!" says the other youngster when his wants are filled. "What would we do without you?"

You hear that up and down the front, a dozen times a night-"What would we do without them?"

Men and women in these organizations are risking their lives tonight to carry up supplies to the soldiers. Trucks and camionettes are creeping up as close as any transportation is permitted.

From there these people are carrying up to the gun-nests, through woods, across open fields, into the trenches. The boys are being served wherever they go. Things to eat, things to read, things to smoke, are being carried up everywhere along the line.

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