

OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF

Pacific college at Newberg has inaugurated a campaign for a war-time deficiency fund of \$10,000.

Alexander M. Holmes, a pioneer widely known throughout Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, died at Sublimity, aged 78.

The Southern Oregon Poultry association will hold its annual show in Medford on the 18th, 19th and 20th of December.

I. H. Van Winkle, assistant attorney general of Oregon, is confined in a hospital at Colorado Springs, Colo., with an infected hand.

Despite adverse recommendations of the citizens' advisory budget committee, the rose festival probably will be resumed in Portland next June.

County officials from throughout Oregon are meeting in Portland this week for the annual convention of the Association of County Judges and Commissioners.

An emergency hospital has been opened at Adams with the co-operation of the Adams branch of the Umatilla county Red Cross to care for Spanish influenza cases.

W. B. Ayer, for 18 months federal food administrator for Oregon, has resigned his office and named W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator, to act in his stead.

Frank V. Podro, wealthy sheepman of the Butter creek country, near Echo, killed himself at his home in Pendleton by swallowing a large quantity of strychnine.

Up to the beginning of the week the death toll in Portland from influenza totaled 602 since the epidemic started in October. The total number of cases reported was 8809.

A large barn on the Jess Traver farm, northwest of Forest Grove, was burned, the fire consuming 1000 tons of hay, all the farm machinery and other valuable property.

To bring attention to Pendleton as an ideal place to spend the winter and to make an all-year home is the purpose of a campaign just launched by the Pendleton Commercial association.

The general strike threatened for Monday, on behalf of Thomas Mooney, was abandoned so far as Portland was concerned, when the Central Labor council adopted a resolution to this effect.

Commercial power rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and the Northwestern Electric company, of Portland, are increased in orders issued by the public service commission.

After a search extending throughout the entire United States since last August, Mrs. Ethel M. Scott, wanted in Eugene for forgery of checks and postal money orders, was arrested in San Bernardino, Cal.

The emergency board met Monday at the request of Governor Withycombe, to consider an application for a deficiency appropriation of \$8000 for the public service commission to investigate telephone rates.

With only 8000 motor vehicle license applications received to date out of the 63,317 registered last year, Secretary Elliott warns car owners to get their applications in at once to avoid trouble after the first of the year.

A convention of the State Federation of Labor will be held in Salem on January 8. The convention was scheduled to be held at Bend in October, but the prevalence of influenza there made it necessary to postpone the session.

Cyrus Hamlin Walker, of Albany, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains, reached the 80th year of his life Saturday. Mr. Walker was born December 7, 1835, at the old Whitman mission, near Walla Walla, Wash.

Formal protest against class freight rates proposed under the Chambers-Prouty scale for railroads of the country, has been made to Interstate Commerce Commissioner Aitchison by Chairman Miller of the public service commission.

Warden Stevens, of the state penitentiary, has appointed John C. Talley deputy warden, supplementing Charles Burns, who will become turnkey to succeed L. C. Brotherton, temporarily relieved. Mr. Talley has been deputy warden at McNeill's island federal prison.

The University of Oregon at Eugene will conduct examinations on January 17 for young men who have the necessary qualifications for recommendation to the United States naval academy at Annapolis, following a request received from Congressman W. C. Hawley.

One of the biggest hauls of bootleg whiskey ever captured in Clackamas county was seized by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Joiner, when two Seattle men driving a large auto carrying a Washington license attempted to get through the county with about 300 quarts of liquor.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, of Oregon Agricultural college, will conduct a three days' grain-grading school at Dufur December 12, 13 and 14, under the auspices of Wasco county farm bureau, Oregon Agricultural college and the United States department of agriculture co-operating.

During the biennium of 1917 and 1918 the state highway department has constructed 45.2 miles of concrete pavement, 79.6 miles of broken stone macadam, 32.2 miles of gravel macadam and 134.5 miles of grading, according to figures compiled for the biennial report of the department.

If it is found to be for the best interests of enforcing the factory inspection law the state labor commissioner may establish a branch office in Portland and pay the expenses for it out of the factory inspection fund, Attorney-General Brown has advised Labor Commissioner-elect Gram.

During the last two years the receipts of the state from all sources have amounted to \$20,133,970, which is more than \$8,000,000 above the receipts of any previous biennium in the history of the state, according to figures being compiled for the biennial report of State Treasurer Kay.

Irrigation and drainage of 82,340 acres of land east of Eugene is contemplated by the Benham Falls Irrigation company, of San Francisco, which has completed its filing for using waters of the McKenzie river. An estimated cost of \$1,235,000 is placed on the proposed development work.

The Oregon Horticultural society closed its meeting at Roseburg after electing officers and deciding to hold next year's session at Astoria. The officers elected were: Benjamin S. Worsley, of Astoria, president; J. O. Holt, Eugene, vice president; C. D. Minton, Portland, secretary; Charles L. McNary, Salem, trustee.

Baker county is proud of its record on the war stamp drive, it having already exceeded its quota of \$400,000 by \$60,000. All indications point to the fact that the county will exceed its quota by \$100,000 before January 1. Baker county has the honor of being the first county in the state to have its quota paid a month ahead of time with a large oversubscription.

At the instance of lumbermen in eastern Oregon, Representative Sinton has asked the railroad administration to restore the privilege of shipping pine lumber in closed freight cars. Owing to the scarcity of boxcars for shipping perishable commodities, the regulations have required use of open cars for lumber, but it is alleged that pine lumber is injured by shipment in the open.

Twenty-nine cities and towns in Oregon each have a bank deposit of \$1,000,000 or more, and the aggregate is \$192,218,562.51, a statement issued by the state banking department shows. The deposits in the city of Portland total \$125,884,709.85, and after Portland comes Salem with \$6,920,548.68. Pendleton is third with \$6,559,812.42, and Astoria fourth with \$6,354,882.39. The banking institutions in the 29 cities and towns total 102.

There has been eliminated from the Deschutes national forest in west central Oregon, 4780 acres of land, all surveyed and a small portion reported to be agricultural, subject to entry only under the homestead laws requiring residence, at and after 9 o'clock a. m. January 15, and to settlement and other disposition on and after January 22, 1919, at the United States land offices at Lakeview and The Dalles. The land is in scattered small tracts.

Four fatal accidents are included in the 541 accident reports received last week by the state industrial accident commission. In addition the commission received the report that Nelson Kendall, who was injured May 18 at Dee, while employed at lumbering, died November 24. The fatal accidents reported were: Earl Randall, Bandon, stevedoring; G. W. Mackey, Astoria, shipbuilding; C. Ellis, Knappa, logging; Fred Boatner, Mist, jogging.

Anglers, hunters' and combination licenses for 1919 are being mailed from the Portland office of the state fish and game commission to the 36 county clerks of the state and to approximately 130 others points of distribution. Paper conservation has resulted in the commission reducing the usual number of licenses by almost 20,000. The following numbers have been issued this year and are being distributed: Sixty thousand anglers' licenses, 45,000 hunters' licenses, 20,000 combination licenses, 100,000 nonresident licenses and 2500 free licenses for veterans of the Civil war and pioneers who came to Oregon prior to 1860.

Results of the official count at the last general election show that Governor Withycombe has five new political scalps hanging to his belt in the shape of records for Oregon. He is the first man to be nominated three times for the office of governor. He was elected four years ago by the largest majority ever given a candidate for governor. He was nominated last May by the largest plurality ever accorded a nominee for that office. He was elected by the largest majority ever given to a candidate for governor elected for his second term. He was the first republican governor in the history of the state to succeed himself.

It must have been Adam who discovered that it was much more pleasant to talk than to hoe the crops.

WILL YOU BE WEARING YOUR RED CROSS BUTTON WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME?



By courtesy of Clare Briggs, New York Tribune.

KEEPING HOME FIRES BURNING UNTIL THE SOLDIER RETURNS

The Red Cross has for years been associated with hospitals, doctors, soldiers, sailors, battles, disasters; but it is only within the last few months that those who do not come under any of these classes have come to realize the importance of the assistance rendered by the Red Cross.

Soldiers and sailors must be encouraged to "carry on." Their morale must be upheld. The sailor or soldier who is worrying about the welfare of his family is not able to put his mind on the business before him. For this reason the Home Service Section of the American Red Cross has been organized, and to the folks at home it means neighborliness, counsel and aid—the nation's assurance to the enlisted man that his family shall suffer for no essential thing that is within its power to give.

In practically every large city of the United States there is already a class for training the workers of the Home Service section, so that they may be able to efficiently deal with the very real problems that are before them. It is not the policy of the section to force upon families the aid of the Red Cross nor to burden them with interference. No family should be approached unless some member of the family or some person capable of speaking for them has asked for the service. Because it is the desire of the Committee on Civilian Relief, under whose direction this work comes, to keep the service of the bureau strictly confidential, the wearing of any uniform by the Home Service workers has been discouraged. They call simply as friends and try to call immediately when requested.

In no instance is a visitor permitted to pry into the secrets of the family. Help is always ready, and the call usually comes from the man in the service himself. Through the workers in the camp or at the front he learns that his family may be assisted, and if he does not hear regularly or encouragingly he is quite apt to talk over with the Red Cross man or woman the affairs of his home when he learns of the friendly interest, and thus send local workers to his family. The school teachers also are often the informants, for they know through the children of the needs at home and are glad to see the family's problems solved.

Living is more difficult for every one in war times, and the mothers are lonely and discouraged, and this brings hardship on the heads of the little children. Sometimes the wife and mother is worrying over financial problems, and here the Home Service bureau is always helpful, for it tactfully assists her in properly managing her affairs, in planning her income and, of course, seeing that she is receiving sufficient allotment, and this regularly, and then if it becomes necessary the Red Cross is always ready to supplement the income. Where medical care or operations for the welfare of the

children are necessary the Home Service is ready to assist, to secure proper care for the children needing it and to ease the mind of the mother.

Milk for Sick Babies.

Everywhere in the war zone there are sick babies and babies needing milk. The American Red Cross is establishing milk stations, and the babies of Italian soldiers are beginning to thrive already under the competent care of the nurses, some of whom were Infant Welfare nurses in our own country before going overseas. At

Children of the Crusade

By JEANNE JUDSON.

Frightened and pitiful, they walk apart,
Through the familiar village street, grown strange,
Hand clasped in hand, they hear weird echoes start
From ruined homes. Fear dumbs each small, child heart.

No tears rain down like dew to ease their woe;
Horror has dried the wells from which they sprang,
Like wee crusaders of the long ago,
Their phantom banners in the breezes blow.

If one should call out "Follow!" they would run,
Grime of the highway on their tiny feet,
Heedless alike of dust and blazing sun,
Forget, as dreams, the horrors that were done.

None calls; weary they rest within the shade,
The ruined church, where once they learned to pray,
Long years before the war had come, and laid
Their homes in ruins, made their hearts afraid.

Before the Holy Mother low they bow,
Perhaps she hears and soon will bring them aid,
It must be she whose voice is calling now,
For see the cross is shining on her brow!

The light around her head, a nimbus gleams,
A Red Cross worker, not from Heaven, they know,
Yet Mary heard and sent her here it seems,
To lead them home to shelter and to dreams.

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