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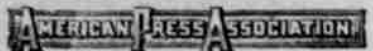
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A NEW EPOCH

Next Wednesday marks the beginning of a new epoch in the history of central Oregon's biggest and best fair.

After a dozen successful events during which it was known as the Crook County Fair, the name has been changed this year to the Oregon Inter-State Fair.

The bars are down and open competition is invited from stockmen in all parts of the country, to come and show their stock in competition with the local growers.

The amounts of the premiums have been increased until they compare favorably with those of state and district fairs throughout the Northwest, and the added impetus the fair will thus gain will insure enough stock of the very best quality to make a great show.

The reputation of the Prineville country has been established in the beef markets of the west, and whenever Prineville is mentioned first class beef animals are at once suggested to the minds of buyers, which is an asset that cannot be

overestimated. The community, like the individual, gains a reputation that is of great value by delivering the goods. Do your part by being at the fair and bringing the best exhibits you have.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS

Some of our subscribers are doubtless wondering why letters and bits of information sent to the Journal recently concerning Prineville men in the service have not been published.

For the benefit of these, and others who may send us like communications in the future we wish to state that because of the fact that almost all of these communications contain some information that should not be given wide publicity at this time of international strife, they will not be printed in the Journal in the future.

The war department has placed the press of the land on its honor concerning the publication of war information, and this course, in our opinion, is the safe one for the press to follow, at present at least.

How easy the rain falls, since old J. Pluvius is now on the job.

"When the frost is on the pumpkin"

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The sixth annual Polk County fair was held in Dallas last week.

Portland night schools will open throughout the city on October 1.

The Oregon Dairymen's league has been formally organized in Portland.

Wharf and docks for the new sawmill at Reedsport are now building.

Umatilla County's assessed valuation this year will be about \$50,000,000.

Washington county fruitgrowers began harvesting their prune crop Monday.

Clatsop county's annual industrial and school fair was held in Astoria last week.

The date of the Hermiston dairy and hog show has been set for October 26 and 27.

The federal reserve branch bank of Portland will open for business on October 1.

Four hundred thousand trout fry were liberated in Fifteen Mile creek near Dufur.

The Klamath School Fair association is planning to hold an industrial fair some time in October.

The Washington county fair will be held on the Pacific University campus at Forest Grove October 2-5.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, October 9, to be fire prevention day.

The 34th annual convention of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance union will be held at Albany October 25.

L. J. Scott, of Harrisburg, met instant death by coming in contact with a high tension wire carrying 33,000 volts.

About 400 carloads of prunes have been shipped from the Milton section during this season, breaking all previous records.

During this year the state highway department has drawn plans for 25 county bridges, the total cost of which aggregates \$500,000.

Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 pounds of prunes is the estimate of Douglas county's present crop as made by a prominent buyer.

The city of Gold Hill has purchased the McClure power site, water right and ditches for power purposes in operating the city water plant.

Curry county has requested the state highway commission to make a survey along the coast from the Coos county boundary to the California state line.

Forty or 50 tons of the evergreen blackberries that grow wild in nearly every part of Marion county are being delivered daily to the two canneries of Salem.

William Henderson Packwood, aged 85, the last surviving member of the Oregon territorial legislature that adopted the state constitution, died Friday at Baker.

A start for better roads is being made in Grant county in the survey of a post road from Pilot Rock to Long Creek. This road will tap one of the best sections in northern Grant county.

George Deil, who operates the Libby mine, near Marshfield, is planning to aid in meeting the coast fuel shortage by reopening the South Marshfield coal mine which has been idle

PLOTS TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS ARE BARED

Message Sent By Bernstorff Asking Authority to Spend \$50,000 is Revealed.

Washington—The American government's publicity spotlight revealing German intrigue in neutral lands was turned upon the expenditure of money by the Berlin foreign office in an effort to influence congress on the eve of the ruthless submarine campaign which drove the United States to war.

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This disclosure adds another chapter to the amazing story begun with publication of the famous Zimmerman note, in which Germany proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan against the United States and which has included the German-Swedish breaches of neutrality in Argentina and Mexico.

Lansing Exposes Deadly Germ Plot.

How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German legation at Bucharest, after the American government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Roumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes, with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was also revealed by Secretary Lansing.

Von Igel Papers Proof of Plots.

Further disclosures of far-reaching German propaganda, intrigues and plots in this country prior to the diplomatic break with Germany were made by the committee on public information.

In a bulletin styled "Official Exposure," the committee quotes numerous letters and extracts from letters seized by the department of justice in April, 1916, in a raid upon the New York office of Wolfe von Igel.

Von Igel, in carrying on this manifold pro-German and anti-American activities, the documents show, was in constant touch with the German Embassy and with Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the

VESSEL SINKINGS REDUCED

Navy Department Reports Decrease Within the Past Ten Days.

Washington—"Submarine sinkings of convoyed ships 10 days ago amounted to one-half of one per cent, and the sinkings of convoyed ships now are very much lower."

This statement was made by Admiral Benson, acting secretary of the navy. Admiral Benson said he had no available figures on sinkings before the convoy policy was put into effect, but that since merchant vessels were given escorts of destroyers the number of sinkings had shown a sensational drop.

Ships of allied and neutral nations are being taken across the Atlantic under the protection of warships. Ships that have come through the Panama canal join the fleets leaving Atlantic ports in this country in great numbers.

Submarine operations recently in the Mediterranean around Gibraltar and around the Azores have been negligible, Admiral Benson said.

Americans Under Fire in France.

With the British Armies in the field—American troops for the first time are under German fire in France. Two American soldiers have been slightly wounded by fragments of a bursting shell. A certain contingent of the American army is now located directly behind the British lines, well within range of the enemy guns. The two wounded men are the proudest members of this contingent.

I. O. O. F. Will Raise \$2,000,000 Fund.

Louisville.—The sovereign grand lodge, I. O. O. F., by a unanimous vote adopted a resolution which authorizes its various state grand jurisdictions to raise by individual assessment \$2,000,000, which will be devoted to the relief of Odd Fellows who enlist in the military service of the United States, and members of their families.

Russians Take Offensive.

Petrograd.—Russian forces on the Riga front in the region south of the Pskoff high road took the offensive and after a fierce struggle occupied the German positions in the sector of Silzene, the Russian war office announced.

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