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ALL PARTS OF OREGON FACE LOSS OF TIMBER

Hood River county officials, inspecting timber on which they were to levy assessments, were cut off by fires in the Green mountain district yesterday but managed to escape by making a long detour through the woods. The fire in the district was spreading and a chain of bad burns was reported through the Columbia gorge.

Montana fires were reported less dangerous yesterday, the one at Lolo Hot Springs being the most serious.

Bend reported a shortage of labor because of the sudden and heavy demand for fire fighters. Fire in the Lapa Lake district was beyond control and 100 acres burned. The Pine mountain fire had been checked after 300 acres of timber had been lost.

The Berlin blaze, which is raging on a three-mile front, was reported at Lebanon to have escaped the crews fighting it and calls were sent for more men.

Fire Traps Officials

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 29.—A forest fire starting today near Green Point was spreading rapidly tonight. A call has been received here for men to help fight fire tonight. The Portland forestry office has also been asked to send a crew of fighters tomorrow.

Considerable alarm was felt for the safety of County Judge Blowers and Assessor Wickham when it was learned that the men, inspecting the forests to make a tax adjustment on holdings of the Stanley Smith Lumber company, were isolated by the flames. Making a long detour, the officials avoided the fire and reached a place of safety tonight.

Wolf Creek Fire Spreads

BAKER, Or., Aug. 29.—What threatens to be a dangerous fire is burning over 100 acres on Wolf Creek, west of North Powder, in the Whitman reserve. It was reported to the local office today, and I. E. Jones left this morning to assist in the work of checking the flames.

Another fire north of Wolf creek, at the head of Ladd creek, has also been reported, but the extent of this is not as yet known. The Wolf creek fire has been burning for several days but had not reached dangerous proportions until today, when it was necessary to send a large force of firefighters from North Powder.

Men Scarce at Bend

BEND, Or., Aug. 29.—As the result of a series of big forest fires in this section, Bend is absolutely without surplus male labor of any kind, and the last call for help in checking the fresh conflagrations had to be answered in part by men gathered from La Pine today.

The latest fire is in the Lapa Lake section, covers 600 acres and is entirely beyond control. The blaze on Pine mountain was checked last night after burning over 3000 acres.

Incendiarism Suspected

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 29.—The forest fire in the Berlin region, 15 miles east of Lebanon, is again beyond control and a new crew of men was sent in from Lebanon and Sweet Home today. The fire is now in the region of Green mountain and working its way east and has a frontage of about three miles. This new outbreak is believed to have been due to incendiarism.

Many Fires Controlled

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—Reports received by State Forester Elliott today indicated that most of the fires in the state are now under control and the danger seems to be passing unless heavy winds spring up.

INSANE MAN KILLED

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 28.—The body of Antone Lubbing, who jumped from a Southern Pacific passenger train at Nichols station yesterday while suffering from a mental affliction, was found late today by searchers in the timbered district of Southern Douglas county. The message received here did not state whether Lubbing committed suicide or died from natural causes.

The body will be brought here by the coroner. Lubbing was enroute from Los Angeles to Portland. He was 38 years of age.

Heads Commission to Fix the Price of Wheat



HARRY A. GARFIELD

Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams College, son of the late president, has been named by Herbert C. Hoover the food administrator, as the head of a commission to fix the price of the wheat crop of 1917. This action is so far the most revolutionary the government has undertaken in connection with the war.

TWO LAWYERS AND AN ELECTRICIAN ARE DRAFTED INTO ARMY

Clackamas county Wednesday called into the national army three men, the five per cent quota which is to report for service September 5 at 10 o'clock. Phil Hammond and Charles Moulton of Oregon City and William Foster, of Oswego, are the three chosen by the local board.

Acting under orders from the provost marshal, the board disregarded the order of liability and chose these men because of particular efficiency or because of military experience. Mr. Hammond and Mr. Moulton are attorneys, and Mr. Foster is an electrician.

Under the plans of the war department for the mobilization of the National army at the divisional cantonments the program for the men from the date of mobilization through the first month of training will be as follows:

The local exemption boards will be notified to assemble the required quota from their districts—30 per cent from each district on September 5—at the local county seat. Each man will be furnished transportation and meal tickets and will be entrained by the local board. The executive officer of the local board will place in charge of each party one or more men of military experience. The schedule of days on which the groups entrain will be arranged by the Provost Marshal General's office to obviate delays in reaching the cantonments and to insure the arrival of the men in numbers suitable for their proper handling.

The first duty of the recruit when he arrives at the cantonment will be to take a bath. He will then be given a physical examination and vaccinated for typhoid, paratyphoid, and smallpox. Recommendations will then be made to the company commander for special forms of exercise to remedy any slight physical defects. The first two weeks of training will be occupied almost entirely with these special exercises, light exercises in setting-up drills and schooling of the soldier. During the second two weeks regular training will each man will be assigned to a section begin.

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HUNTING SEASON CLOSED FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—Governor Withycombe yesterday afternoon issued a proclamation closing the hunting season indefinitely, and it will remain closed until the weather conditions, in the judgment of the governor, warrant the proclamation being lifted.

Some time ago the governor issued a proclamation closing the season from August 21 to September 1, and he decided to issue another yesterday after a conference with Adjutant General White in Portland. One of the reasons for closing the season is that soldiers patrolling the forests may easily be mistaken for deer, because of their drab uniforms.

"Somewhere In France"

The following cablegram, received from "Somewhere in France" tells of the safe arrival of 20 of Oregon City's young men who left over a month ago for American Lake. While it has been assumed that these men were in the body of troops ordered to France for service with the first contingents to go, this is the first definite word that has been received here of their safe arrival.

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WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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WITHYCOMBE NAMES TWO NEW JUDGES FOR CIRCUIT COURT

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—Governor Withycombe today appointed E. V. Littlefield and George W. Stapleton, of Portland, as circuit judges for Multnomah county to succeed C. U. Gantenbein and George N. Davis, who resigned as judges to accept commissions in the United States reserve army.

Conrad P. Olson, of Multnomah county, was tendered one of the positions by Governor Withycombe, but declined. Judge Stapleton will take the bench department No. 4 and Judge Littlefield in department No. 6.

In announcing the appointment of the judges, Governor Withycombe is used the following statement:

"These appointments have been made upon the understanding that the new appointees will relinquish their offices upon the return of Judges Davis and Gantenbein, this being in accordance with all appointments made by the governor to fill vacancies caused through absence of office holders under military duty. "Prior to making the appointment I tendered one of these judicial positions to Senator Conrad P. Olson. Owing to the condition attached to the appointment of relinquishing the office upon the return of the present incumbents, and his sacrifice of the office of state senator, and of his private business, he declined the appointment."

Grants Pass: Utah-Idaho Sugar company buying 1500 acres of Rouge river valley land having just purchased 225 acres near Central Point for \$25,000.

BRONZE BUTTONS CLEAR OF CHARGE OF DODGING WAR

The bronze buttons supplied by the war department and intended for the use of those exempted from compulsory military service, have been received at the office of the local board. They will be given out upon presentation of the proper credentials at the county clerk's office.

HAWLEY IS TO BUILD TEMPORARY \$20,000 SHOP IMMEDIATELY

Work on the construction of a wood preparing plant, to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, is to start immediately on property owned by the Hawley Pulp and Paper company, according to an announcement made Wednesday by Willard Hawley, Sr. The new plant, which Mr. Hawley says is to be only temporary, is to be built between Main street and the Southern Pacific tracks on Fourth street.

It is not the intention of the company, says Mr. Hawley, to proceed with any expensive or elaborate building during the war. Only the improvements that are necessary to handle the business of the company will be made.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Marriage licenses were issued in Oregon City Saturday to Mabel Childers, and James F. O'Connor, of 12 East 24th street, Portland, both of legal age; Nellie Bonney, age 23, and H. Creason, age 25, of Estacada; and Ellen Larned, age 18, and John Zurlinden, age 26, of Aurora.

BRADLEY HELD FOR SHOOTING OF FRED MOORE NEAR TURNER

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—A coroner's jury today found that Fred Moore came to his death from a shotgun wound inflicted by A. E. Bradley near Turner, late last night and Bradley will be held for further proceedings in the court.

It also developed that the load from the shell that killed Moore probably was loaded by Moore's own hand. Last spring Moore and Bradley were companions on a hunting trip and the shells used at that time were loaded by Moore and according to testimony today the shell that was fired last night was one left over from the hunting expedition.

Bradley today was taken to the scene of the shooting, went over the ground and repeated the same story that he told last night. The only discrepancy that developed at the coroner's inquest was the statement by Mrs. Bradley that her husband also carried a revolver. Bradley had failed to tell the officers of that.

Bradley said he shot Moore after Moore had stolen a load of grain from the field of his farm near Turner and had returned to the field to get another. Sheriff Needham today found in a shed on the Moore place several bundles of grain which were identical with the grain in Bradley's field.

NO LIVES LOST ON DEVONIAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—All members of the crew of the submarine steamer Devonian were saved, according to today's advices to the state department. In the crew were 65 Americans.

EXPORTS ACT IS WAR CLUB NO FOOD FOR ANY GERMANS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—President Wilson tightened the government's control of exports last night by issuing an order forbidding the shipment of any goods to European neutral countries except under license and by extending the lists for which license is required in shipment to the allies and neutrals other than European countries to include cotton, all meats, sugars and most of America's other export commodities.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation the president said one of the first intentions of the government will be to see that no American products are made "the occasion of benefit to the enemy, either directly or indirectly." Officials interpreted the order as forecasting a vigorous

use of the export control as a war weapon and a policy of the strictest ration of countries contiguous to Germany.

Exports to Germany and her allies also are formally prohibited by the president's order and this is understood to mean that the export control is about to supersede the British system of giving letters of assurance for American cargoes. Up to now there has been nothing except the British blockade to prevent the shipment of American goods to Germany. Tonight's order in this respect accomplishes one of the purposes sought in the trading with the enemy bill pending in congress.

Certain bullion, currency and the evidences of indebtedness are placed under export licenses to neutral nations wherever regulations governing their export have been promulgated by the secretary of the treasury.

The proclamation makes it clear for the first time that the United States is prepared to go to almost any limit to prevent goods from going to Germany. Neutrals already have been informed that the United States will see to it that no American goods may be used even to replace indirectly the goods shipped from neutral countries to Germany. Some administration officials even favor stopping of food shipments to neutrals where the food is used to feed workmen engaged in manufacturing war materials for Germany.

Captain Fairbanks Now



RICHARD M. FAIRBANKS

Richard M. Fairbanks, son of the former vice-president of the United States, has graduated from the officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison as a captain. He is a strapping young fellow, almost as tall as his father, and very powerful.

EXEMPTION CLAIMS ARE CONSIDERED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

In the Clackamas county cases heard on appeal before the district board in Portland Friday, a large number were found to be pleas of young men who sought to evade war duty because of dependent parents, but investigation showed many of the pleas to be without foundation.

Herman Kuhke claimed dependent parents, but admitted he had given them only \$120 during the past year. He was exempted because of being a farmer, however.

R. J. Bell sought exemption because of dependent parents, but he admitted having given them only \$300 during the past year, so the board denied his claim and told him that he could give his parents the same amount during the coming year out of his wages as a soldier.

Robert R. Green sought exemption because of a dependent sister, to whom he had given \$250 during the past year, but the board learned that the girl would be provided for, so denied the claim.

Ernest J. Baurer wanted to evade war duty because of dependent parents but his claim was denied. He was given exemption, however, on the claim of being an indispensable farmer.

David H. Thomas was denied exemption on the plea of being a farmer, and the claim of Robert Rosenau on the same ground was likewise denied.

Vincent Vidolin sought exemption because of a wife and child, but his claim was denied.

Stephen Feather granted exemption for six months on his claim of having a dependent wife and two stepchildren.

Carl Newberger's plea for exemption because of being an alien was denied when it was shown that he had taken out his first papers.

The district board yesterday withdrew the exemption granted to Gilbert H. Hanson on the ground of being a farmer, and will hold up his case for further investigation, following the receipt of further evidence which may be of importance.

All cases wherein exemptions had been granted by the local boards of exemption in Clackamas county and which had been automatically appealed to the district board by the government were affirmed by the district board yesterday.

Considerable pro-German feeling, it is understood, is being encountered by the district board, and for that reason many claims are being held up for a searching investigation before final action is taken. In some of the cases decided yesterday, the exemption claims were first made last week.

TWO EXEMPTION CLAIMS DENIED BY LOCAL BOARD

The local board at a night session Tuesday denied the exemption claims of Conrad Cockerline Estacada, Or., and Max Adolph Hollman, Hoff, route 1.

The claims of George Kelley, Oregon City, route 6, Eugene Thomas, Oswego; Leslie Tibbets, Milwaukie, route 1; William Freeman Oregon City, and August Biedenstein, Cherryville, were allowed.

"Auto hits man by error," says a New York paper headline. Such accidents usually are a mistake.

PAVING OF ROADS HAS COST MORE THIS YEAR

During the paving of the River road, from the top of Island hill which begins on Tuesday, to the city limits of Milwaukie, the Clackamas county court asks that automobile traffic between Oregon City and Portland follow the 32d street road by way of Gray's Crossing. Although it is possible to detour a short distance and pass the paving crews, it will simplify the work of paving, if the other road is followed.

Clackamas county has completed its road paving program for the year with the laying of the final piece of hard surface on the River road between Concord station and the H. G. Starkweather property. This makes a total of four miles in the county that have been paved this year.

Although this does not represent the total amount of paving which was originally contemplated, it has been found necessary by the county commissioners to cease operations for the year because of grading on the Pacific highway, work on which is to start Tuesday.

Although there is still money in the road paving fund, this will have to be used for the sub-grading of the five miles north of the Marion county line. The state road bond was not expected when the county budget was made out and no allowance was made for the grading of roads which are to be paved by the state. Hence, when the paving of this five-mile stretch was authorized, it was found necessary to transfer funds from the paving budget to be spent on the new road.

This work was let by the state board of highway commissioners to the Haslam Paving company on force account and is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

The paving which has been done by the county this summer includes three-quarters of a mile of the road extending south from the Multnomah county line on the 32d street road, to connect with the paving laid last year. This work, which is comparatively close to Wichita station, where the county's paving plant is located, was laid at a cost of 92 cents a yard.

A half mile stretch between McMickle's corner and the Southern Pacific crossing on the 32d street road near Clackamas was laid at a cost of 82 cents a yard. The exceptionally low cost of this piece of work was due to the fact that the paving was laid on top of an oil bound macadam, which eliminated considerable preliminary work.

The third section of the 32d street road which was paved this summer was a strip one mile and a quarter long, from Clackamas corners to the E. P. Dedman farm, which cost \$1.05 per yard. The relatively high cost of this was due to the long hauls which were required.

On all of this paving with the exception of the three quarter mile stretch near the Multnomah county line, it was necessary to use five trucks, instead of three, the number used on that job. The addition expense incurred by the use of the two trucks was \$40 a day.

An advance of \$2 a ton on asphalt and \$3.25 a ton on coal, with 40 cents a barrel on fuel oil were among the increases encountered by the county. Notwithstanding the added cost of materials and labor, the average cost of paving the four miles completed this summer, was but 93 cents a yard. According to Roadmaster Tom Roots, the paving company's estimate that paving this year costs on the average 35 per cent more than last year. Labor cost has increased about ten per cent, Mr. Roots says, during the year.

On the River road between Portland and Oregon City three-tenths of a mile between Concord station and the H. G. Starkweather property was paved and 1.2 miles between Center street in Oak Grove and the top of Island hill, just south of the city limits of Milwaukie. The cost of paving these two sections has not yet been determined.