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ANTI-WAR PEDAGOGUE IN NEW ERA LOSES JOB

Mrs. E. Jennie Peterson, who teaches a Clackamas county school at New Era, five miles south of Oregon City, positively refuses to assist in the "Thrift Stamp Drive" which is going on among the other pupils and teachers throughout the county.

She lost her job Thursday night. On complaint of members of the board that Mrs. Peterson was reluctant in supporting the Thrift Stamp campaign, Supervisor Vedder visited the school Wednesday morning. Mrs. Peterson refused to assist in any manner with the work, on the ground of religious convictions, claiming she could not conscientiously do anything which would tend to prolong the war. Mrs. Peterson is married, and her husband is said to reside in Portland.

Deputy United States Attorney Earle C. Latourette, School Superintendent Calavan and Sheriff Wilson went to New Era Thursday night and Mr. Latourette conducted a hearing before the school board, composed of Elmer Veto, chairman; Joseph Andre and Mrs. Minnie Anthony. George Brown is clerk of the board and he and the chairman have been noticeably patriotic in their utterances and acts since the outbreak of the war.

Mrs. Peterson told the official she had offered to resign three weeks ago because she believed her attitude was not popular. In reply to a question from Mr. Latourette she said: "I am not a citizen of this or any other country on earth. I am a citizen of heaven." She does not believe in war and declared she would not defend her children. If they should be attacked by a robber, if such defense involved bloodshed, her letter of resignation, which was accepted by the board Thursday night, follows:

"New Era, Or., Feb. 14, 1918.—Mr. George H. Brown, secretary school board, New Era, Oregon. Dear Sir: This is to tender my resignation from your school, taking effect on February 15, 1918. My reasons are on the religious grounds that I cannot participate in the selling of war stamps and otherwise enter into other activities of the war expected of public school teachers at the present time.

"Very truly,
MRS. E. JENNIE PETERSON."

"PEETE'S MOUNTAIN" FAVORS THRIFT STAMPS

A. J. Hart, John Kaiser and James Robinson, three good citizens of the "Peete's mountain" country out west of Willamette, started a thrift stamp drive Wednesday morning.

This morning they showed up at Chairman Calavan's office with \$1182.18, representing 286 "baby bonds" and 4 thrift stamps. There are but 134 people in the district and the quota which will be easily completed during the next few days, is \$2650, or \$20.00 per capita.

Telephone Company Denied Increase in Rates Between Oregon City and Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Following a hearing on the new long distance rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, which went into effect January 1, the Public Service commission today ordered early restoration of the old rates in effect prior to January 1 between Oregon City and Portland and Salem.

E. E. Brodie and M. D. Latourette, of Oregon City, appeared this morning before the commission on behalf of the Oregon City Commercial club's Live Wires, and Mr. Brodie presented verbally a protest against the increase of what is known as the 2-number rate of 10 cents between Oregon City and Portland. He explained to the commission that the Oregon City business men use the phone freely because of the low rate that has been in force for a number of years, that 2500 2-number calls were transmitted through the Oregon City office last December and that the proposed rate means an increase of 100 per cent, which would be a burden on the business interests of Oregon City.

Restoration of the old 5-cent flat rate for telephone service between Portland and Milwaukie and Oak Grove, and for no extra charge for service from these two suburbs to Portland, was demanded by the commission. J. D. Stevens, of Milwaukie, was

STATE FORESTER COVERS WORK IN LOCAL SECTIONS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special)—Interesting statistics bearing on Clackamas county forest fires and fire patrol work during 1917 are included in the annual report of State Forester Elliott just issued. The report shows that Clackamas county had 12 fire wardens, of which number five were employed by association; three by the state under the Weeks federal law; two by the forest service; one served without compensation, and one was employed by the state. In Clackamas and Marion counties, which are included under one head in the report covering expenditures, \$6589.41 was expended in patrol and improvement work, of which \$4520.73 was expended by the association patrol; \$1416.68 by the state patrol and \$452 under the federal Weeks law fund. Much improvement work was done in the two counties, including the opening of 406 miles of old trail at a cost of \$406.55. Twelve miles of new trail were built at a cost of \$255.53. Ten miles of telephone lines were built and 23 1/2 miles repaired, at a total cost of \$503.24. One cabin was built at a cost of \$34.20, and one tool box erected at a cost of \$7.75.

There were 93 forest fires reported from Clackamas county, which did a total estimated damage to buildings, logs, equipment and improvements of \$2170. These fires burned over 202 acres of merchantable timber; 843 acres of second growth timber and 4705 acres of cutover lands or old burnt over lands.

The report shows that the amount of \$2642.57 was expended in Clackamas and Marion counties on fire fighting work, of which \$2201.50 was spent on individual patrols; and \$441.07 on association patrols.

The Clackamas-Marion counties Fire Patrol association, whose secretary is Hugh Henry of Portland, patrols 175,047 acres of lands, the report states, of which 139,450 is taken care of by its members and 35,597 by the state.

Clackamas county's share of the forest fire patrol expense from 1911 to 1915 was \$1295.99, and for 1916, \$263.34; while in 1917 its share was \$262.79. The district warden for Clackamas and Marion counties is J. W. Ferguson, Jr., of Estacada, while the report shows that James Rutherford, of Ho; Ray Wilson, Estacada and Edwin Woodworth, of Molalla, are patrolmen paid under the Federal Weeks law fund.

SCHOOL BOARD WOULD REVOKE STATE PAPERS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—Miss Lillian M. Schlussen was given a hearing before Superintendent Churchill Saturday in defense of her school certificate, which the directors of School District No. 19, at Kent, are seeking to have revoked. The directors allege that Miss Schlussen violated her contract by leaving the school before her teaching term was ended.

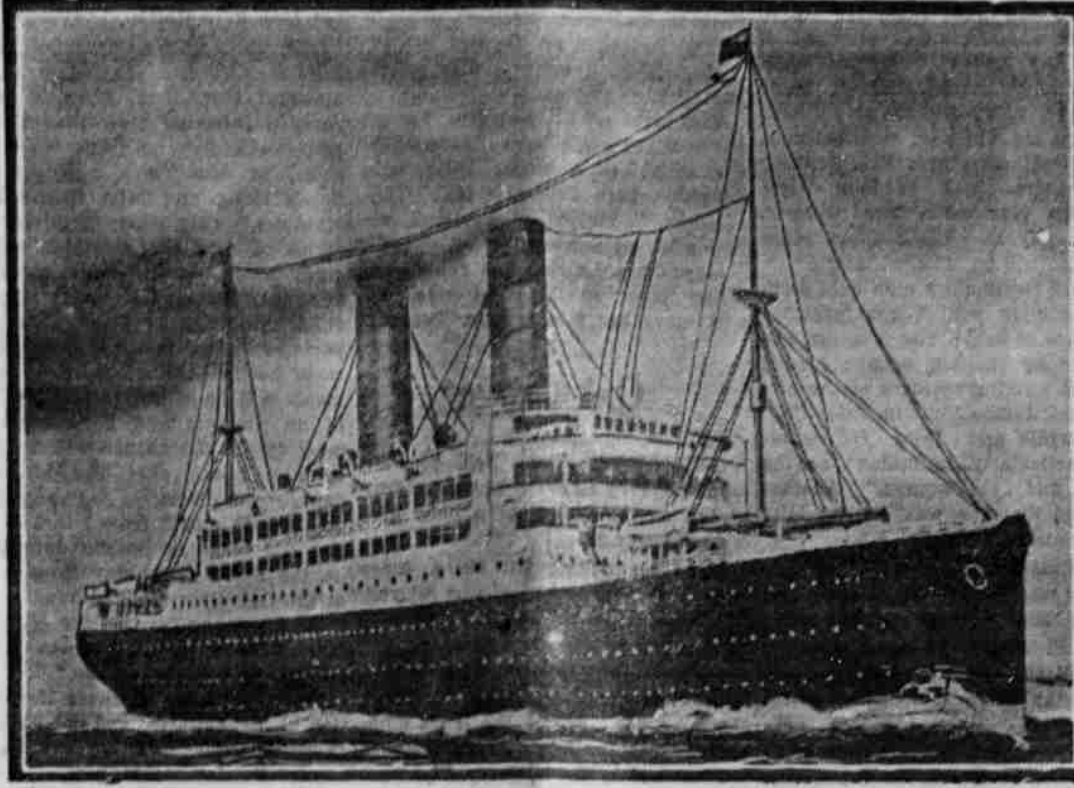
Miss Schlussen presented the defense that she was unable to find a place to board in the locality, and if she could not eat she could not teach. Mr. Churchill has the matter under advisement.

present to voice his protest of what he termed the "petty larceny" tactics of the telephone company. He declared that he had been overcharged 15 cents, and the commission ordered the company to reimburse him. Ed Olds asserted he had been overcharged 5 cents on the war tax, and the commission likewise ordered his "jitney" returned to him, after company officials had investigated his complaint charge.

The rate as ordered by the commission of 5 cents for two-minute service between Portland and Milwaukie and Oak Grove places an additional 5-cent charge on him, and he had been overcharged for each additional five minutes. For service between Milwaukie and Oak Grove to Portland there will be no charge for the first five minutes of service, but a charge of 5 cents for each additional three minutes. The new rate, adopted January 1 by the company, was 10 cents for three-minute service.

A number of women from both Milwaukie and Oak Grove were in attendance at the hearing and promised the commission that telephone gossip would be taboo in the future. They agreed to be moderate in their demands against the telephone company in view of the relief granted by the commission.

British Transport Sunk With 2,179 Americans Aboard



The British transport Tuscania, former Cunard liner was sunk by a German submarine off the north coast of Ireland while she carried 2,179 American troops. Despite all the efforts of the Germans to prevent the loading of American troops in France and England this is the first transport they have succeeded in sinking. And the loss on this vessel was probably fewer than one hundred men.

MOTHER IS KEPT FROM HER CHILD BY MEASLES

Sheriff Wilson balked Wednesday, and for the first time since entering office positively and about-let refused to do his duty.

The sheriff, armed with a warrant, a court order, and an anxious mother who had located her child at the home of her former husband in Maple Lane, hid himself out to that community, found the father, Clarence Dowler, for whom the warrant was intended, and found the child for the anxious mother.

The child, however, was suffering with a severe attack of measles, so the sheriff calmly ignored the stern orders from a Portland judicial bench and himself decreed that for the time being at least the youthful Dowler should remain at the Mohaupt home in Maple Lane.

The Dowlers secured a divorce back east, and the mother, it is understood, has the custody of the child. The father, however, had the possession of the youngster, and brought it west just a few days ago. He was taken to Portland to answer a non-support charge.

LIVE WIRES ASK FOR PAVING OF PART OF WASHINGTON STREET

The disgraceful condition of the highway entrance into Oregon City from the county pavement north of the Abernethy bridge caused the Live Wires of the Commercial club, at their weekly luncheon Tuesday, to authorize the appointment of a committee to go before the city council and ask for the immediate hardsurfacing of Washington street from the bridge to Fourteenth street and Fourteenth street to Main.

The distance is only five blocks, but these few blocks are in worse condition than any of the county highway between Oregon City and Portland on the river road, with the exception of a stretch through the town of Gladstone, which is due for hardsurfacing improvement this year. Last year the street was improved with macadam, but the heavy traffic, within a few weeks after the work was completed, left it in a condition that would cause motor traffic to avoid it, were it not practically the only exit from the city on the east side.

H. S. Toda, representing Suki & company, with headquarters at Seattle, made a very interesting talk to the Wires. His firm is one of the largest in Japan, the central office being at Kobe.

Grant B. Dimick read some amusing bits from a printed Oregon statute under date of 1843.

M. D. Latourette and E. E. Brodie, representing the Wires, will go to Portland today to attend the hearing on the proposed long distance rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

Dayton: Farmers' Union declines to affiliate with Non-Partisan League. The Union is a co-operative organization and does not believe in state ownership of industries.

THREE PUPILS SELL \$50 WORTH OF WAR THRIFT SAVING STAMPS

Three Clackamas county school pupils, Alice Krafft, Oregon City No. 2; Carl Wilson, Milwaukie No. 1, and Ruth Chinn, No. 1, have sold the requisite \$50 worth of thrift stamps, and are entitled to the "achievement pin" which goes to the first 1000 Oregon school children selling \$50 worth of stamps or over. There is little doubt but that the youngsters are within the first thousand, and they are eagerly awaiting their insignia.

CLACKAMAS GETS NO MONEY FROM FOREST RESERVE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special)—While Clackamas county this year will receive a credit of \$2414.74 from the forest reserve receipts for the year ending June 30, 1917, it will receive no actual money, but will still have been overpaid \$1856.70. This amount is to be made up to other counties by applying the receipts for the year ending June 30, 1918, and what difference is left will go in cash to Clackamas county, after that distribution is computed. The computation of the division of forest receipts has just been completed by Secretary Olcott and has presented a jumble of figures sufficient to give an expert accountant a series of headaches.

The difficulty arose when Baker county last year tested the state law, which did not parallel the federal act, and the courts held with the county. It became necessary for the last legislature to amend the law and as a result all of the former divisions of forest reserve receipts were knocked into a cocked hat and a readjustment was required. Many counties, under the old system, were over paid, and many were underpaid. The old division was made by lumping the receipts from all the reserves and then pro-rating them to the counties according to each county's forest reserve area. Now the division is made on a basis of the area of forest reserve within each county, but the receipts for each reserve is computed by itself and the division made accordingly.

Consequently Clackamas county had coming to it all told \$2,414.74 from receipts from the Santiam and Oregon forest reserves for the year ending June 30, 1917. Out of the 607,099 acres in the Santiam reserve, 914 are in Clackamas county and that county receives 76 cents of the \$501.55 received as receipts from that reserve. Out of 1,031,926 acres in the Oregon reserve, 525,352 acres are in Clackamas county, and that county receives \$2,412.98 of the \$4,741.67 representing the total receipts from that reserve.

But Clackamas had been overpaid \$4,271.44 after the receipts for the year ending 1916 had been divided, and thus is given a credit only of \$2,414.74 for the receipts from the year ending June 30, 1917. It still owes \$1856.70 to the other counties, which will be paid by crediting that amount against the next receipts to be divided, and if there is any excess it in cash, and thereafter will be given cash for all succeeding receipts that are due the county.

The money is to be divided between the road and school funds of the various counties, the road fund to receive 75 per cent, and the school fund 25 per cent of the amount.

Portland: Willamette Iron & Steel company, has contracts for 165 boilers for ships.

GIVE ALL TRAITORS DEATH SAYS GOVERNOR

SALEM, Or., Feb. 19.—"Any man guilty of being responsible for putting defective steel into ships endangers the lives of thousands of young American sailors, and should be placed against a wall to face the firing squad. Any person guilty of putting ground glass or poison in candy to reach the soldier or sailor boys of the country should be shot down like a dog," declared Governor Withycombe today.

The statement was part of an interview issued by the executive calling upon shipyard workers and employers to show 100 per cent Americanism in aiding in the progress of the war.

GEORGE E. SWAFFORD BECOMES CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK

Pledging, if nominated and elected, a clean, business-like and economical administration of the affairs of the office, George E. Swafford, well known resident of Oregon City, issued a formal announcement Friday of his candidacy for county clerk at the primary election May 17 next. He is a Republican.

Mr. Swafford was born in Oregon City in 1881, and has a wife and three children. He was educated in the public schools of Mount Pleasant and Oregon City and at Pacific university. Since he was 17 years of age he has made his own way in the world, and has had business training and experience in Condon, Elgin, Eugene and Oregon City, where he is now connected with the Huntley Drug company. Mr. Swafford has never been a candidate for public office. He has a host of friends here, where he was born and reared, and has long been a member of the Masons and Elks, being secretary of the local Elks lodge.

CAMPBELL AFFIRMED IN SUIT BROUGHT BY DIECKMAN VS. JAEGER

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special)—The supreme court yesterday affirmed Judge Campbell of Clackamas county in the action of ejectment brought by Emilie Dieckman against Gust Jaeger. The action revolved about a deed made by Henry Carl Dieckman before his death, in which he transferred certain lands in Clackamas county to Emilie Dieckman. The deed was left with bankers at Wilsonville to be turned over to Emilie Dieckman after Dieckman's death. The supreme court holds with Judge Campbell that the delivery with the bankers constituted a good delivery of the deed, and that there was no extrinsic testimony given to indicate an intention on the part of Dieckman to retain control of the deed when he deposited it with the bankers.

NUNN HAS COSTS OF STATE ROADS IN THIS COUNTY

SALEM, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special)—The annual report of State Highway Engineer Nunn just issued to the State Highway commission to cover the fiscal year ending November 30, 1917, shows an estimated cost of \$75,000 for the Canemah-New Era section grading in Clackamas county, with \$10,383.51 expended to that date of which \$5,121.73 was for construction and 251.73 for engineering. On the Oregon City-Canby paving job the estimated cost is \$160,000, with \$1,800 expended to that date. The report shows an estimated cost for the Oregon City-Oswego work of \$67,500, with \$991.39 expended on surveys to that date. That project is 7.2 miles in length. The Marion county project from Salem to Aurora, the report states, is to be constructed at an estimated expense of \$375,000, of which \$479.41 had been expended to November 30. That project is 22 miles in length.

The report shows an estimated total cost of construction for all work now planned, including bridges of \$7,930,150, of which \$541,974.33 has been expended on construction, \$143,633.91 on engineering, or a total of \$685,613.24. The engineering cost is 2.1 per cent of the estimated cost on all of the work. The total amount expended up to November 30 on administrative and engineering supervision cost was \$34,130.85. The total estimated cost for bridges designed up to November 30, 1917 is \$555,300, while \$399,300 worth of bridges were started under way up to that time.

Class One Men Enlist Draft Bogey Beaten Dozen Enter Service

Albert and Sam Martin of Clarke, two Class 1 registrants, have enlisted in the spruce division of the aviation department and left for Vancouver barracks Monday.

Estill Howard Smith, another registrant, departs for Ft. Leavenworth, to enlist in the land division of the aviation department.

Roy Alvin Jones and Oliver Edgar Leek were released by the board Monday in order to enlist in the marines. They leave at once for Mare Island.

This makes a total of approximately a dozen Class 1 men who have been permitted to enlist in the branches now open.

JESSE MEREL JONES YOUNG MULINO FARMER CONFESSES TO CONSPIRACY WITH WIFE

Jesse Merle Jones, aged 23 years, a young farmer residing near Mulino, confessed Friday afternoon that his wife chopped off the "trigger" finger of his right hand, in an effort to disqualify him from military service. The job being done at the solicitation of the husband. He was turned over to the United States marshal Friday evening.

Jones and his wife reside with his father, W. H. Jones, a pioneer farmer of Mulino country. The father and son were subpoenaed to appear before the board Friday, following a report from the Mulino country to the effect that young Jones, recently placed in Class 1, had mysteriously sustained the loss of a finger. Their statements were taken in the office of Deputy District Attorney Burke before state and federal officials and were so conflicting that young Jones was placed in jail to await further investigation.

Late Friday afternoon the young man broke down and admitted that statements made Friday morning were false, making a complete confession to Deputy Burke, Assistant U. S. Attorney Latourette and Clerk Harrington.

On the 22nd day of January, according to Jones, he asked Mrs. Jones if she would cut off his finger. The wife agreed to do the task, and he says he held his finger of the right hand on a chopping block, while she severed it at the second joint with one blow from a hand-axe. Mrs. Jones then dressed the wound temporarily, and young Jones came to Oregon City where Dr. Strickland gave medical attention to the injured hand. In his first statement made Friday morning he claimed the injury was accidental, and that he slipped and fell, reaching out his hand to a log to catch himself, just as his wife struck the blow.

The father made a statement under oath Friday morning that he had cut his son's finger off accidentally. The conflicting statements resulted in Jones' detention and he was placed in jail. Friday afternoon Assistant Latourette and Deputy District Attorney Burke confronted him with the father's statement, and young Jones confessed the truth.

Jones claimed he had his wife perform the cold blooded operation because he felt he could do more good on the place than at the front. He stated that he had read that married registrants, who had married after war began, were subject to Class 1. He was married only a few months ago at Vancouver. Mrs. Jones is about the same age as her husband.

A relative, also within the draft age, first suggested this method to Jones, he claims in his confession, stating to him about two months ago, "You chop my finger off and I'll chop yours." The officers are investigating this statement.

After the wound was properly dressed, Jones says he buried the finger. But one blow was struck and the wife's aim was good.

The notice that he had been placed in the first class arrived the day the finger was cut off, Jones claims, but he stated to the officials that it was not received until after the operation. He had been placed in the first class by the board.

Jones recently was called for physical examination, and made the statement to Dr. Mount that he had injured his finger and that it had been cut off by the physician he claimed was attending the case. He made the statement during the examination that the wound bothered him considerably. Attention was first brought to Sheriff Wilson about ten days ago, and several neighbors were secretly visited by the sheriff, and the suspicious circumstances led to the issuance of the subpoenas for the hearing Friday.

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MRS. HICKOK SAYS SHE IS NOW SELF-SUPPORTING

Mrs. Hickok based her reason for the change on the fact that she was no longer dependent upon her husband for support, and that, acting on instructions from him, which she claimed were made Tuesday, to the effect that she must support herself in the future, she immediately obtained a lucrative position at the Oregon City Woolen mills.

In furtherance of her claim, Mrs. Hickok made an affidavit before the board to the effect that she was forced to keep her two sisters, who were each paying her board, and thus helping take care of herself and her three-year-old child. That her house rent is obtained free of charge by taking care of the infant son of an Oregon City widower, and that she is not mainly dependent upon her husband for support, nor does she intend to be.

Hickok was granted Class 4 classification by the local board, on the ground that his wife and baby were dependent upon him for support. Mrs. Hickok claims that since making the questionnaire her husband's status has changed.

Walter Edward Hickok, whose wife appeared before the local board Tuesday with a plea that her husband's classification be changed to Class 1, was placed in the first class by the local board Wednesday, following a reopening of the case.

Hickok himself appeared before the board Wednesday, and insisted that he was perfectly willing to fight for Uncle Sam, although he did not particularly fancy his wife's methods of getting him into active service. In all probability he will enter the spruce service at once, as he took his physical examination Wednesday.

Mrs. Hickok made an affidavit before the board that her husband's status had been changed since filing his questionnaire, and that she was no longer mainly dependent upon him for support. She obtained a place in the local woolen mills and began work Wednesday.