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WILSON IS IN FIELD AS SHERIFF OF COUNTY

Sheriff "Billy" Wilson officially hurried his hat into the political arena Monday when he filed for the Republican nomination for sheriff to succeed himself. It has been whispered about for some time that the sheriff would be a candidate. In filing for office, Sheriff Wilson issued the following statement:

"Only at the urgent request of my friends from all parts of the county who feel that this is no time to make a change in the sheriff's office, have I consented to again enter the race. I have given my best efforts for the past four years and my record in office should leave no doubt in the voters' mind as to my position on the various problems which confront the executive department.

"In reality, there is but one issue this year—and that is the war. First, last and all the time I want it understood I am 100 per cent American—without compromise. And I want to add further that any candidate who tries to dodge the war issue, by ignoring or otherwise camouflaging this all-absorbing issue, is not a fit man for any public office.

"The voters ought to know my stand on prohibition enforcement by this time. I have chased the dives and divekeepers out of business and the public may rest assured they will never reappear in this county while I am on the job. I have eternally and everlastingly chased the bootlegger and my uncompromising attitude toward this parasite has brought letters of highest commendation from law-abiding people all over the state. I ask your support on direct action and results—not hot air.

"Certain political opponents are spreading the malicious canard that my office is expensively conducted. Look up the records and you will find one of the first things I did upon entering the sheriff's office four years ago, was to cut off a man from the payroll. I could not do otherwise and feel I was playing a square game with the taxpayers. There has been practically no expense at all in my bootlegging arrests, as comparison of results obtained with costs will clearly show. I invite a rigid inspection of the records of my department. Don't take my word for it—ask the men who pay the bills. Further: My books were all audited the first of the year by an expert accountant employed by the county. In reporting to the court this man filed the following statement: 'The sheriff's office collects the largest amount of taxes with the least expense of any county I know of.'

"There are no strings to my candidacy. I belong to no organization or clique and I am not attempting to 'sally' either side in the present industrial trouble at Oregon City. There is but one stand to take and that is an uncompromising attitude for strict enforcement of the law, irrespective of who or where it hits.

"I probably will not have time to make a county-wide campaign. Your Uncle Sam has honored me with the chairmanship of the local war board for this county. Few people realize the enormity of this work—a thankless task at best—and yet a duty I am proud to perform. I have one boy in France and two youngsters at home 'rarin' to go, and I would be a slacker indeed, were I to let politics interfere with any job Uncle Sam wants at this crucial period."

PERPETRATE VANDALISM ON AUTO IN WEST LINN

A cowardly act of vandalism was perpetrated Tuesday night at the home of Jack Busch, a Crown-Wilamette employee living on the west side, when unknown persons rained a new auto just purchased by Mr. Busch.

The miscreants entered the shed where Mr. Busch kept the car, and with a sharp knife, or other instrument completely destroyed two new tires, the upholstery on the seats, and the entire top and covering of the car. The car was not quite completed, and the perpetrators of the deed broke in through canvas doors which Mr. Busch had placed temporarily in the front of the structure.

Local officers are working on the case, and if the parties who did the job can be located they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Mr. Busch has been an employee of the local paper mills for some time. Experts declare Oregon and Washington can supply 400 to 500 000 wooden ships in 1918.

SPRING CAMPAIGN FOR ROADS TO START

According to County Roadmaster Thomas A. Roots, Clackamas county's spring drive in paving activities, will be started in the not far distant future. The paving plant at Bell station is being overhauled and in several parts of the county work is already started on the 1918 improvement campaign.

Just what strip of roadway will be favored with the first application of the county's home-made "hot-stuff" was not made public by the official Saturday but he admitted that elaborate preparations are already under way for an active campaign.

Within the next few days the county will begin the grading work on the road leading from Oswego north to the Multnomah county line. This road is to be paved early this spring, if the present plans of the court are carried out. The county is to do the grading work only and the State Highway commission will be asked to do the paving work. This job was announced by County Judge Anderson Saturday and will be rushed along this spring.

On Monday the rock crusher was installed on the south end road. The announcement was also made by Mr. Roots Saturday afternoon that this road from the top of the hill below Oregon City on through to New Era, will be resurfaced and placed in first class condition. Just below the south end road, down under the bluffs the county is making steady strides on the grading contract for the new Pacific Highway, and a visit to the scene of these operations by the court and roadmaster revealed most satisfactory activities.

Out at Fisher's mill a rock crushing plant has been installed by the county and this will start up at once, so that several roads in the Logan, Redlands and Springwater country can be resurfaced.

The prediction was made by Mr. Roots that by the first of April the county's good road program will be well under way under way for a record year.

DISH TOWEL DRIVE BY CALAVAN GOES OVER THE TOP WITH A BANG

Clackamas county school kids went clear over the top in Superintendent Calavan's "dishrag" drive today, and at closing time tonight, the superintendent's office resembled an overstocked dry goods store. As near as could be estimated Mr. Calavan had on hand something like 2,000 clean, white, dish towels, which will be shipped soon to France.

"When you want direct action," stated Mr. Calavan Saturday afternoon, "leave it to the school children." Ten days ago the youngsters from all over the county were instructed through their teachers, to send dishrags to his office Saturday, March 16. They began to arrive promptly on schedule and 32 bundles, each containing from 25 to 75 towels, all washed and ironed, with edges properly bound, were received during the day. This number represents but a small portion of the county's school districts, and it is thought that by Monday evening there will be enough dish-towels in the superintendent's office to wash and dry all the mess-plates in France.

A low estimate of the number is placed at 5,000 by Superintendent Calavan. A personal letter from the superintendent to his teachers, written because Mr. Calavan overheard a lady deploring the fact that dish towels were wanted across the seas, was the inspiration behind the big drive which began today.

CIRCUIT JUDGE SETS DOWN WRIT IN MILLER CASE

Judge Campbell will hear arguments in the writ of review of Paul Miller against the City of Oregon City on March 28. Miller is reviewing the action of City Recorder Loder in sentencing him to a 10 days jail sentence for a violation of Ordinance 100 of the city charter, providing a penalty for obstructing streets and sidewalks. The defendant was found guilty by Recorder Loder a few days ago, and was permitted to go on his own recognizance pending a settlement of the review which is being taken by Mr. Loder's attorney. Miller was on the picket line a few days ago and the complaint charged that he refused to move on when told to do so by Patrolman Surfas.

CLASS I MAN ENLISTS.
Edward Elmer Brenner, a class I registrant, has enlisted in the 322 Field Signal Battalion, with the consent of the county local board, and will depart at once for immediate training at Camp Lewis. Mr. Brenner is an Oregon City man.

No further information has been received as to the personnel of the 15 men to depart for Camp Lewis on the 29th of this month. Clerk Harrington stated the only thing really certain was that they would be drawn from the registration list, in accordance with the order numbers.

First Photo of Americans in the Trenches



That American soldiers are in the trenches this photograph, the first to arrive showing them is actual proof. These are believed to be some of the boys who are in the Lorraine sector, and they may have been among those who have seen hard fighting in the past few days.

LIBERTY LOAN PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Arrangements were practically completed Saturday afternoon for the third Liberty Loan Bond drive in Clackamas county. Mr. D. Latourette, chairman of the county organization, held a conference at the Commercial club with T. S. Robinson, of Portland, a special organizer of the state central liberty loan committee, and with representatives from the seven banking districts in Clackamas county.

The drive will start April 6. It is proposed to sell bonds throughout the United States to the amount of seven billions by June 30. Oregon's share will be \$5,000,000 and it is probable that Clackamas county will be assessed for \$700,000. The bonds will bear 4 per cent interest and will run from 5 to 10 years.

In each banking district an assessment committee will be named, and this committee will card index everybody. Methods of procedure will be quite different from former campaigns. A yellow card will register the refusal to subscribe and this card will be delivered to the government. Any person subscribing an amount less than his assessment will be registered on a red card, and a blue card will be given those who buy bonds to the amount assessed to them. The county will be given credit for subscriptions from foreign corporations having holdings here, to the extent of such holdings proportionate to the whole amount subscribed. County Judge Anderson, chairman of the county council of defense, was present at the conference. E. E. Brodie was appointed chairman of the Clackamas publicity committee.

Each of the seven banking districts will be assigned a definite quota, based on the bank deposits for the respective districts. Those present at the conference as district representatives were:

Canby—W. H. Bair, George A. Brown, G. W. Scramlin, H. A. Dedman.

Estacada—H. C. Stephens.

Malilla—Willard Robbins, P. O. Chindgren, Herman Chindgren, Harry Frazier, G. V. Adams, W. J. E. Vick, John Ridings.

Milwaukie—Philip Streib, James P. Shaw.

Sandy—W. A. Proctor.

Oregon City—O. D. Eby, William Anderson, S. O. Dillman.

Wilsonville—C. R. Gansel.

DAYLIGHT SAVING IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 31

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A daylight-saving bill was passed by the House today and now goes to the President. The plan is to set clocks forward one hour at 2 A. M. on Sunday, March 31, and set them back an hour at the same time on Sunday, October 27, each year.

The vote was 252 to 40. This plan was adopted last year in England, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Portugal, and this year in Australia and Iceland. The Canadian government is considering it.

The bill has had the support of practically all the large industries in the country, and its proponents have argued that it will result in a great saving of fuel and benefit wage earners in that they will have more time for recreation during daylight hours.

Riddles—Warren Construction company to build tramway from quarries to Calcite of S. P. line.

CANBY RESIDENT DESPONDENT; HE IS FOUND DEAD

Chester Wills, well known Canby resident, took his own life at his home in that town Wednesday afternoon. He ended his life with a shot from his revolver about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and his body was found several hours later. He left a note attributing his act to ill health.

Wills had been sick for a long while and had not been out of his house for months. He was in the Oregon City hospital last fall for an operation. At one time he had been an inmate of the state hospital. His mother committed suicide many years ago.

The unfortunate man left a wife, who runs a confectionery store at Canby.

BABY ROACH AND PARENTS BURNED CLOTHES NEEDED

During the recent fire at the Iowa rooming house the clothing of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Roach and their little four-months old baby Robert, was entirely burned, and during the fire Mr. Roach had his hands badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames. Little Robert has been provided with two dresses by kind women of this city, and any other clothing for the baby as well as the parents will be gladly received, and appreciated by this stricken family. Mr. Roach was able to go to work this week, but the poor man's hands are covered with blisters, but he is trying to make an honest living for his wife and babe.

COUNTY ROAD TO GO OVER TRACKS OF W. V. SO. RY.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special)—Permission has been given by the Public Service Commission to the county road over the Willamette Valley Southern tracks in that county in connection with the establishment of the H. A. Bates Road, No. 914 in that county.

CORNMEAL POISONED IN SEATTLE IS REPORT

What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt at poisoning food, supposed to have been done in Seattle, is under investigation by county, state and federal authorities, and should the chemical analysis show the presence of strychnine, there will be a government house-cleaning in a certain Seattle flouring mill.

A few weeks ago Ellis Brown, a son of George Brown, prominent New Era farmer, purchased a sack of cornmeal. Last week Mrs. Brown made some corn-bread, and it was eaten at the evening dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and the hired man all participating. The three were taken seriously ill during the night and Dr. Dedman of Canby was called. Mr. Brown was the most seriously ill of the three, and there was strong evidence of strychnine poisoning. The flour was purchased from a local firm, which had obtained it from a Portland company. It is said to have been originally ground in Seattle.

Sheriff Wilson, Deputy District Attorney Burke and Assistant U. S. Attorney Latourette visited New Era Monday, and obtained samples of the cornmeal which will be analyzed within the next few days. No one had access to the meal, and as the family used some from the top of the package, it is the belief that the poisoning was done when the meal was originally packed in Seattle. The officials would not make public the names of any of the firms involved.

Two cases of ground grass poisoning have been reported to the authorities. One of these was run down by the officials Monday afternoon and it was found that the reports were not well founded. They will make further investigation in this case, and also in a case of reported glass in breakfast food, which they have been quietly working on for some time.

MEETING OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE HELD IN OREGON CITY

SALEM, March 19. (Special)—The Public Service Commission has set April 30 at 10 o'clock p. m., with Oregon City as the place for holding a hearing on the question of the application for a franchise for the Clackamas County Driving & Rafting company under the boom law of the last legislature.

One hearing has already been held in this matter but formalities as to the application were not altogether satisfactory.

Local Children From Clackamas Are In Rainbow

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special)—Included in the names of the third 100 children enrolled in the Second Junior Rainbow Regiment by Superintendent Churchill are Henry and Emil Zivney of Oswego; Lynn Lortz, Oregon City, and Paul Bauge, Milwaukie.

In northern Marion county the following children went over the top: Bennie Busch, Harold Gribble, Gladys Gribble, Leona Graves, of Aurora, and Homer Langdon and John Painter of Hubbard.

CLACKAMAS WILL PROVE EFFICIENT SAYS JUDGE

"A peace now would spell little disaster to this country," Arthur M. Churchill, Clackamas County Food Conservation Co. Public Auditor, Oregon, before a large gathering of the Clackamas County Defense League, Thursday in the Circuit court room.

"A peace now would mean 170,000,000 people for the German militaristic system—a population which within a few years of organization and preparation, could undoubtedly dominate the world."

The meeting was the most enthusiastic gathering of its kind held since war began. County Judge Anderson presided, and representatives of the Defense league from all sections were on hand to do their bit in the forthcoming conservation drive. In addition to Mr. Churchill's talk, Miss Milan, the government representative, spoke.

That Clackamas county will prove to be 100 percent patriotic and efficient in food conservation work this spring, was the opinion of County Judge Anderson following the meeting. The purpose of the gathering was to awaken emissaries from all parts of the county to the dire necessity of food conservation, so that they in turn, could take up their work in the various localities, and see that in each district the conservation plan is carried out strictly in accordance with the government's wishes. Mr. Churchill made two brilliant addresses, one in the forenoon and another in the afternoon, and Miss Milan not only spoke twice at the general meetings, but later talked to the women alone.

The school children of the grammar grades and a large delegation from the High school was also present to hear Chairman Churchill's afternoon talk.

The need for conservation was brought most forcibly to the attention of his audiances by Mr. Churchill. He insisted that practically all of our wheat must be conserved for use in France, if we would keep our army and the French people from actual starvation. He emphasized the need of willing, untiring co-operation on the part of every man, woman and child, if we would meet the problem of supplying our boys and our allies.

Miss Milan not only emphasized the need of conservation, but discussed the food values and combinations that would prove economical and at the same time carry on the conservation idea.

Counting the school children present there were probably between 500 and 600 people heard and thoroughly enjoyed the lectures. There was a spirit of patriotic enthusiasm present that spoke well for the red-blooded membership of the Clackamas County Defense League.

\$10,000 IS WANTED BY WOMAN FOR DAMAGES

Rosalind Gibson, of Wichita, filed suit for \$10,000 damages against the Continental Realty and Improvement company and L. J. Barber, alleged losses sustained by reason of the defendant's failure to live up to a realty contract existing between them for the sale of the "Holiday Acre" tracts.

The complaint charges that the realty company, a San Francisco corporation, gave the plaintiff the right to handle the sales of the Holiday acre tracts consisting in all of some 21.5 acres. That the plaintiff attempted to proceed with the sales after the execution of the agreement, but that she was continually blocked and "lulled to sleep" by the actions of the defendants, and finally was compelled to get an extension of time subsequent to January 1, 1918, the time set for the expiration of the contract under the agreement.

During the 30 day extension finally agreed upon between the parties the plaintiff, who is the wife of John Gibson, a prominent Portland realtor, sold tracts amounting to \$12,152.00. The contracts were sent south for the company's "O. K." only to be repudiated by the company, which refused to honor them.

The complaint further charges that the company officers, conspiring with one L. J. Barber, fraudulently transferred the property to the said Barber and recorded the deed in the county records, with full knowledge of the existing contract for the sale of the property with the plaintiff. This deed, plaintiff asks to set aside, and declare void and of no effect, and that the defendants be compelled to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$10,000 by reason of its actions in the matter.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special)—To give access to a rock quarry and paving plant in Clackamas county, the Public Service Commission has issued an order allowing the establishment of a temporary grade crossing at the Garner road crossing of the Southern Pacific.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY TO PEOPLE

James Withycombe, the first Republican governor elected by the people of Oregon in recent years, on Wednesday announced his determination to become a candidate for reelection. His platform is characteristically patriotic. Governor Withycombe has served the state nearly four years, has made an able official, and is entitled to reelection at the hands of the Republicans of Oregon. His declaration follows:

"If the people of Oregon are of the opinion that I have served them faithfully I should be pleased to receive a vote of confidence at their hands.

"The Governor of the state has the ear of the people. It is therefore in his power to assist in creating and maintaining a healthy public sentiment on the many subjects which make for community welfare. I have been mindful of this fact, have mingled with the people and have done all in my power to promote the development of the state, to bring about the construction of good roads, to emphasize the importance of education and especially to maintain at white heat the devotion of the people to the great cause of liberty and democracy for which the country is fighting. If re-elected I shall continue to do everything I can to accomplish these ends.

"Oregon has given twenty thousand of her sons to the great world war. These men are the flower of our young manhood and we have no clearer duty than that of loyally supporting them, providing for their health and comfort and safe-guarding their morals. I shall continue to render them every service in my power.

"Under our form of government the conduct of a foreign war devolves on the President of the United States, who is the commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy. I shall do everything in my power to assist the President in making the power of this country effective in the great world conflict. I shall particularly exercise every power and authority which I possess to promote a maximum efficiency in our local industries which are related to the war activities. No other duty is so pressing or at this time so important as that of winning the war. No sacrifice is too great if it leads to the triumph of the forces battling for international righteousness.

"I shall stand in the future, as in the past, for rigid law enforcement and for a cleaner and greater Oregon. Oregon is firmly committed to the principles of prohibition and equal suffrage, and, while they are no longer issues in this state, I shall continue to give these causes my full support.

"Every legitimate phase of state development should be supported, but at this time when our country is engaged in the most terrible war in the world's history the most rigid economy in state expenditure should be observed.

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FINIS IS WRITTEN IN WEYERHAUSER TAX LITIGATION

Attorneys for the Weyerhaeuser timber corporation Monday turned over to District Attorney Hedges their check for \$393.86, payment in full of all costs accrued in the long legal battle waged against the county by the corporation in their suit for reduced assessments. The case was started in their appeal from the ruling of the board of equalization, and went clear through the supreme court of Oregon, which finally sustained the original assessments made by the board. The check was for all court costs, including interest. With the payment of the costs, the final chapter in the celebrated timber cases is closed.

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♦♦♦♦♦ ABILINE, Tex., March 18.— ♦♦♦♦♦
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