

GRANGE IN FAVOR OF ABOLITION OF POLITICAL LINES

Indorses Enactment of Law to Elect Officials by Preferential Vote Regardless of Party.

SINGLE HOUSE IS OPPOSED

Many Recommendations for New Laws Are Made at Sessions of State Grange.

Selem, June 8.—At its closing session last night the Oregon state grange approved a resolution favoring the abolition of political party lines entirely in Oregon politics.

The grange legislative committee was instructed to make a recommendation of a law which would provide for the election of officials by first, second and third choice preferential vote, irrespective of party.

Another resolution adopted favors the enactment of a law which will require all bills relating to taxation to be introduced during the first 10 days of a legislative session.

Resolution is Opposed. Opponents of the bill took the position that with war on no time to start something which would stir up the controversy that would be created by such action.

The legislative committee was instructed to seek the enactment of a law which would give counties authority to initiate laws for their local benefit.

Indorsement was given to the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the election of a president of the senate and a speaker of the house by the people of the state.

Favor Standard Seeds. The legislative committee was instructed to seek the passage of a law standardizing the weight of sacked milk.

The grange went on record in favor of making seed companies and growers responsible for seeds, bulbs and nursery stocks being true to name.

Another resolution adopted urges the enactment of a law fixing penalties for persons selling goods not true to advertisement, and requiring seed manufacturers to tag garments to show the amount of wool and the amount of shoddy in them.

The grange went on record in favor of the repeal of an amendment passed by the last legislature providing that a husband or wife, in the event of the death of the other spouse, may elect to take one-third of all the property instead of a dower interest.

Washington County Selected. Washington county was selected as the next meeting place of the state grange, but as to whether the convention will be held at Hillsboro or Forest Grove is to be left to arrangements by the local granges.

A report submitted by Charles H. Hays of Sherwood, state purchasing agent for the grange, showed that from November 15, 1917, to May 15, 1918, he bought merchandise totaling \$25,783 for use on the farms.

Urges Beer Prohibition. As part of a report of the committee on resolutions, the state grange adopted a resolution urging congress to pass an emergency law prohibiting the brewing of beer until after the close of the war.

Wants Land for Soldiers. A resolution was passed demanding that congress give the president authority to purchase land for the use of soldiers and sailors.

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MYSTERIOUS BLAZE DESTROYS FISCHER MILL AT MARCOLO

Suspicious Circumstances Similar to Other Lane County Fires Attend Burning.

Eugene, June 8.—The sawmill of the Fisher Lumber company, located in the timber three miles above Marcola, was burned to the ground Friday night.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman in the center of the first floor of the mill about 2 a. m. The cause is a mystery.

Mr. Fischer, one of the owners, stated that he was unable to determine the cause of the fire, but he estimated the value of the plant and its contents at \$40,000.

Mr. Fischer stated that the company would build another mill, either on the present site or elsewhere, to handle the timber on their holdings in that vicinity.

The manner in which the mill burned is suspicious, similar to the first which have burned a number of other mills in Lane county in the past year.

U. S. FORCES CONTINUE TO GAIN AT VITAL POINT. (Continued from Page One)

Two counter attacks, all within six days, "the men conforming to the best traditions of our army and are meeting all demands made."

GERMANS MASS MACHINE GUNS BEFORE AMERICANS. By Bert Ford

With the American Army at the Marne, June 7—(I. N. S.)—(8 p. m.)—The French and the German army and Paris, have extended their gains made on Thursday.

The Americans advanced to a depth of nearly two and one-half miles over a front of about six miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry, capturing several villages and 200 prisoners.

The situation on the right wing of the line was the scene of the most grueling fighting. There the men felt fast, but I hear that the enemy's losses were very great.

At no time nor on any other front has the enemy massed such a formidable array of machine guns. In fact, the fighting developed into a machine gun duel to the open.

Like Old Time Indian Fighting. Our troops drove back the Germans steadily, despite the hot fire from batteries of machine guns.

The Germans took cover behind large boulders and were thus able to check our men somewhat, but as fast as a blonde hand showed it was picked off by an American sharpshooter.

It was like the old time Indian fighting, with the men hiding behind trees and stones. A majority of our men were compelled to depend entirely upon the tall grass and the growing wheat for screening purposes.

The ambulance drivers stuck to their work through the hottest part of the Chateau-Thierry attack. Right under the murderous shells pouring over from the German guns they performed their work of mercy, tending death that whizzed all about them, and had only one thought: that of carrying to safety their wounded comrades.

As a result the ranks of these gallant fellows did not merge unscathed from the battle. Several were killed, a number wounded and some are missing.

Powerful Attack Broken Up

The French have advanced south of the Ourcq river.

German Threaten Disaster. The Hague, June 8.—(U. P.)—The allies will be surprised and will be forced to call upon the Americans for help.

Rail Offices in Honolulu Closed. A letter from A. B. C. Denniston of Honolulu, received Friday by Frank Bollen, agent for the Pacific Steamship company in Portland, states that all offices of American railroads in the islands have been closed.

Western Union Chief, It Is Expected, Will Be Called to the White House.

Washington June 8.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today moved to prevent the threatened strike of commercial telegraphers and hasten an adjustment of other pending labor difficulties.

Cowlitz County Puts Ban Upon Fireworks. Kelso, Wash., June 8.—A ban was placed on the use of exploding fireworks or firecrackers within the limits of Cowlitz county for the duration of the war.

ROLL OF HONOR. (Continued from Page One)

PRIVATE RUSSELL E. MARSHALL, Indianapolis, Ind.

PRIVATE DANIEL S. MILLER, Norristown, Pa.

PRIVATE VERNIE NEWTON, Boston, Ky.

PRIVATE ROGER J. NOLFI, Derry Station, Pa.

PRIVATE CLARENCE ROCKWELL, Toledo, Ohio.

PRIVATE PRESTON V. WALL, Beach, N. D.

PRIVATE JOSEPH F. WARD, New York.

PRIVATE EUGENE C. WINGENBACH, Baltimore, Md.

PRIVATE EDWARD NESTEROWICZ, Yonkers, N. Y.

PRIVATE HENRY ANGLIN, Fairmont, W. Va.

CORPORAL WILLIAM ROBBINS, Bloomington, Ind.

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER ON THE WEST FRONT

By Frank Charton. International Editor.

The mixed Franco-American forces that rolled the Germans back in the fierce fighting northwest of Chateau-Thierry, on the Marne front.

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Seattle Men Steal Liquor Worth \$3000

Seattle, June 8.—(I. N. S.)—Government operatives, police and deputy sheriffs are searching here today for \$3000 worth of whiskey stolen from a warehouse where the federal authorities had stored it for evidence against Raleigh M. Faulkner, leader of the alleged "auto polish" bootlegging ring.

The burglars loaded in an auto truck in broad daylight after the night watchman at the warehouse had left and before the day watchman arrived.

The liquor was contained in drums labeled "auto polish."

Class Gives Funds for Curtain. The Dalles, June 8.—The graduating class of The Dalles high school has presented to the student body of the high school \$150, to be used for the purchase of a curtain for the stage in the high school auditorium.

Crack Prussian troops massed machine guns and one pounder cannon and made desperate efforts to break up the American attacks, putting down a terrific barrage.

The most of the Americans who were wounded were struck by machine gun bullets and flying shrapnel.

After storming the village of Torcy (just west of Bourches) and capturing the machine gun, the American soldiers, the marines retired, establishing their line just outside of Torcy.

This movement was made because the order for the battle drive was for the capture of Torcy. In their enthusiasm the marines swept forward farther than they had been ordered to go.

A salient was established there, however, and today Torcy lies at the mercy of the German guns.

Not only did the Americans capture villages in their dash on the Marne, but they advanced over a long strip of the Paris-Chateau-Thierry highway.

Nearly a score of German machine guns fell into our hands.

Many of the marines late Thursday were enjoying the first sleep in four days and nights, lying in the woods, where the trees shielded them from enemy snipers and airplanes.

At 4:15 in the afternoon they were awakened and given the order "to go over the top" at 5 on the line.

The men sprang to their feet, adjusted their equipment and showed themselves to be happy as larks to get a second chance at the Germans in one day.

Our men's actions have proved them to be veterans in the field. The attack was skillfully organized. The marines swung out across a wheat field. Through the tall, waving grain the men moved at the "double quick."

They assumed a crouched position like football players, and hit the enemy, the fixed bayonets forming a line of gleaming steel in the late afternoon sunshine.

Wall of Machine Guns Encountered. The roar of battle resounded around them with the machine guns spitting and the shells bursting with continuous crashes.

Our left and center found it easier going than the marines on the right. The soldiers of the center hit the veritable wall of machine guns, instead of the customary "nets."

Profiteering Will Be Eliminated Soon

National Food Administration Program Will Take Effect This Month; Prices to Be Regulated by Costs.

The program adopted by Herbert Hoover, the national food administrator, for the elimination of profiteering in food, will be begun in Oregon sometime this month, according to the hope expressed by W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon.

A committee will be appointed of jobbers, grocers and the food administration, which will hold meetings and ascertain what the retailer pays for his goods.

The difference in cost between one dealer and another dealer with high experience will be taken into consideration as well as those stores doing a credit business as compared with the "cash and carry" firms.

PRESIDENT PLANS ON PROMPT ACTION TO PUT END TO MANY STRIKES

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CORPORAL HOLLISTER COMING TO HELP IN MARINE RECRUITING

Will Speak Each Day at Liberty Theatre on Presentation of War Pictures.

Corporal Fred K. Hollister, son of Mrs. George W. Hollister and brother of Mrs. Herman Pollitz, who has been active in Red Cross activities, arrived this morning from Seattle to work in the drive of the United States Marine Corps for recruits.

Corporal Hollister will speak each day at the Liberty theatre at the presentation of the Marine film, "The Unbeliever," in addition to a number of talks at the high schools and civic organizations.

During his campaign in Seattle Corporal Hollister gained 123 recruits and he hopes that in his home town he may secure 250 men before the week is over.

"I am glad to learn that Portland has topped the list in the last three months for recruiting of any city," said Corporal Hollister.

"Although I am sorry that I shall be unable to see my friends while here, I am glad to know they are in the various branches of the United States service."

The film, "The Unbeliever," according to Corporal Hollister, has all except the leading parts taken by men in active service, about one-third of whom have now been killed in action.

At the close of Marine week, Corporal Hollister expects to be sent on a recruiting tour through Montana and Wyoming.

Suit Filed to Quiet Title. Oregon City, June 8.—Solomon and Charles Hannant have brought suit in the circuit court against Hannah Goldsmith and others to quiet title to a tract of land.

Wallace Reid and Ann Little in "Believe Me, Xantippe"—A \$40,000 bet—a \$100 forger—a million dollars' worth of girl. Like "Xylophone," it sounds different than it looks—and like "Xmas," it's something to look forward to! Try and pronounce it.

It Was a Scream on the Stage—It's a Riot in the Picture—And Billy Parsons, the Hairless Comedian, in a Love Song in Two Spasms

THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

PORTLAND BRANCH THIRD AND STARK STREETS

Capital \$8,500,000 Surplus and undivided profits \$8,295,394.00

"FOR CONVENIENCE OF OUR DEPOSITORS, OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY EVENINGS, FROM 6 TO 8 O'CLOCK, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE."

Busy With Studies; Failed to Register. "I was so busy with my studies that I didn't know Germans were required to register," said Oscar Wallman, German alien student of the Everett Day Adventist school near Gaston, when he was arrested this morning by federal officers.

Two Transfers Recorded. Oregon City, June 8.—Real estate transfers filed here: W. P. Smith to Leone Hall, all of lot 6 in block 148, Oregon City; \$600; Fred Clark and wife to Ben C. Smalley, all of lot 2, block 4, in Green Point, \$1.

Private Ernest F. Mings, Thornton, R. I. Washington, June 8.—(U. P.)—The war department has announced that the following are now prisoners of war, according to information received from the military attaché in Constantinople: First Lieutenant Charles W. Matson, Baltimore, Md.; Lawrence Perlmutter, New York City; Louis Sandler, Philadelphia.

Private Frank Krawczyk, Paterson, N. J.; Alfred E. Lafontaine, Alford, Mass.; Joseph H. Liberty, Uxbridge, Mass.

Organizer of New Party Is Speaker

Ben F. Wilson, Organizer of National Party, Will Make Address in Library Tonight and Sunday.

"Winning the War for Democracy" will be the subject of an address by Ben F. Wilson, organizer for the new National party, at the Central library tonight.

"We believe that President Wilson and the administration have rendered great service to democracy, and that in the organization of war business it has achieved such results as no business in private hands has ever achieved before," says Mr. Wilson.

He thinks the administration should not be hampered by attacks made in the interest of partisan or other selfish interests, and states that it is one of the desires of the National party that the government acquire as rapidly as possible all industries essential to the nation's war business.

He will also speak at Central library Sunday night.

New Drafted Men Cannot Enlist Now. Twenty-one-year-old men cannot volunteer until after drawing for Order Numbers is made at Washington.

Twenty-one-year-old draft registrants will not be allowed to enlist in any branch of the service until after the drawing for their order numbers is made in Washington, D. C.

This announcement has been made by Captain John Cullison, in charge of the selective service division of the adjutant general's office, in order to clear a misunderstanding which resulted in many new registrants seeking entrance to the navy, marines or some other military branch.

Following the drawing the new registrants may enlist, Captain Cullison points out, when they can obtain a release from their local boards showing they will not be required to fill out a current quota.



LIBERTY BROADWAY AND STARK CONTINUOUS 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M. Tomorrow Monster Feature. The Mammoth \$50,000 Wurlitzer With HENRI B. MURTAGH. "THE UNBELIEVER"—The first real big picture of "over there," in which Uncle Sam's Pets, the U. S. Marines, now in France, participated. The U. S. Marines (Themselves) In Patriotic Spectacles. Tonight, 8:00, Street Parade U. S. Marine Corps of Portland, Launching Their Monster Drive for 1000 Recruits.