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But the future of the port and the commission's own statement makes it necessary for somebody to say them. The commission should at least have submitted along with the Swan Island measure an alternative bill for raising sufficient funds to take care of any necessary work on the channel.

Having failed to do so, it should begin at once to lay plans for securing funds for the channel project regardless of the fate of the Swan Island plan.

Now comes the charge by Harding spellbinders that each American soldier in France cost six times as much as a French soldier. The French poilu was paid five cents a day, the American boy a dollar and up. Do the Harding orators begrudge the American soldiers the little they did get?

THE STATE STEPS IN. YESTERDAY was the beginning of a new era in the automobile accident prevention campaign. From now on, the disposition of reckless drivers is not a difficult task. Yesterday officials began enforcement of the licensing drivers act.

From now on it will be a very serious offense to operate an automobile without a license. Reckless driving will be a more serious offense than ever before. Repeated accidents will not be tolerated. Driving machines under the influence of liquor carries a greater punishment. Speeders will not be repeatedly released to go back on the streets and continue their reckless operations after conviction. The license can be revoked and the reckless operators removed from the streets.

The act is to be enforced by all peace officers of the state of Oregon. Inspectors have been appointed to see that the law is applied. The net has been thrown out into every county, every city and every town in the state.

On the recommendation of a proper authority the driver's license may be suspended. The law doesn't provide that a man must break it repeatedly before he is divested of his right to drive. One offense, if serious enough, might be considered sufficient cause for revocation.

With enforcement of the law the sane drivers and others who are on the streets will rejoice. The sovereign state of Oregon has entered the fight to make the highways safe.

The League of Nations settled the dispute between Poland and Lithuania and prevented a war between them. It will settle all disputes and prevent all wars in the same way if given a chance to live.

THE NORTHWEST'S FEDERAL WAYS. A SECTION of the federal transportation act will give an unusual value to the journey which a distinguished board of army engineers will make to the Pacific Northwest during the first half of October.

The board will grant a hearing at Lewiston on the tremendous scheme to canalize the upper Columbia river and to provide for the attendant development of hydro-electric energy. It will inspect the Columbia between Lewiston, Idaho, and Cascade Locks to ascertain the extent and potential value of the proposed improvement.

It will review the evidence supporting the project of a 35-foot channel between Portland and the sea and a 30-foot channel between Vancouver and the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

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The Oregon Country. Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON NOTES. The old Simpson residence in North Bend has been destroyed by fire. George A. Martin and Thomas B. James have filed nomination petitions for the office of mayor of Marshfield.

The annual report of the department of the Oregon state fair is to be made that section of more than passing interest. The Clatsop county board of equalization will meet Wednesday to consider an increase of 50 per cent in the total valuation.

Yamhill county will be represented at the state fair with a comprehensive exhibit that will sustain the best traditions. Plans for the first unit of the new Bend Water, Light and Power company have been approved by the state engineer.

The regular quarterly conference of the Mormon church for the Intermountain district was held at La Grande Saturday and Sunday. The annual address at the reunion of the Hood River Pioneer association was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Dasher, pioneer Congregational minister.

All members of the state supreme court will be in Portland Tuesday to attend a luncheon in honor of the sixtieth birthday of Martin L. Phipps. A petition is being circulated in Waco county for a bond board issue of \$100,000 with which to improve the highway between Dufur and The Dalles.

The forest service reconnaissance party that is mapping out a skyline highway through the Cascade mountains has reached a Quackenbush in Lane county. Considerable damage has been done by a flood in the McKenzie hatchery near Yiga, on the McKenzie river. As a result the take of salmon eggs will be smaller.

Because the daily cancellations of the Bend postoffice have increased approximately 1000 in the past year, Postmaster Hudson has asked for a canceling machine. Chinook salmon are running at Hogue and fine catches are reported by net fishermen.

The annual symposium has been completed at the Chellis state training school and formally dedicated. The Centennial city commission has passed an ordinance creating the salaries of patrolmen from \$110 to \$120 per month. John Richard Ludwig of Walla Walla has been appointed secretary of the regular army.

The city commission of Chellis is planning a new lighting system. Property owners are to pay the cost of installation. Primary election day at Aberdeen brought few arrests for drunkenness. There were no fights serious enough to call for the police.

There has been an increase of over 15 per cent in attendance of the Toppenish school since the opening day last Wednesday. The registration is now 831. From May to August, inclusive, the number of Washington state students in the Spanish American war. Ninety-one men were in the service.

Mrs. Margaret A. Meany, 74 years old and a pioneer of the state, died recently at home of her son, Professor Edward S. Meany, head of the department of history at the University of Washington. IDAHO. Taxes this year at Twin Falls for state and local purposes will be 36 cents per \$100 less than last year.

California has been added to the states which have removed the quarantine from alfalfa meal products of Idaho. The University of Idaho opened with a record breaking attendance. A special train carried 400 students from southern Idaho.

The enrollment of Moscow city schools reached 10,000 for the first time in the school year, greatly exceeding that of any previous year. The Twin Falls section will send a trainload of alfalfa to the state fair and is planning to make the banner exhibit of farm products.

The American Falls dam will not begin the first of the year, despite reports to the contrary. The preliminary work will require eight or eight months more. An organization has been formed at Idaho Falls for the purpose of securing additional water for the Mud Lake country, which will mean the development of thousands of acres of land.

Governor Davis has issued an official proclamation enumerating all the offices to be filled, with five constitutional amendments and a high school bond issue to be voted on November 2. Wesley Bottoms produced Dicklow 22 bushels per acre on his land on the Ricker place near Wendell that yielded 22 bushels to the acre. On seven acres of alfalfa the yield was 22 bushels per acre.

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SMALL CHANGE. All men who have long