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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Pure bred livestock men of Oregon, held their convention at Salem last week.

The Oregon State Grocers' association held its annual convention at Salem last week.

Prairie City has a diphtheria scare because of the illness of several pupils of the public schools.

The Pacific University basketball team holds the lead for the non-conference championship of Oregon.

With the close of the first semester at the Oregon normal school at Monmouth, 55 students were graduated.

The eighth annual automobile show of the Portland Dealers' Motor Car association began at Portland Saturday.

The end of the car shortage under which the Southern Pacific has labored for months past is declared to be almost in sight.

A crew of 15 men is engaged in surveying the proposed federal-aid highway across Umatilla county between Pendleton and Echo.

The will of the late A. E. Eaton of La Grande remembers Willamette University, already endowed by him, to the extent of \$33,000.

Work on the survey of the proposed Eugene to Coos Bay highway has begun under the direction of Deputy State Engineer Captine.

Farmers of Yamhill county have undertaken to raise money by private subscription to retain their agricultural agent for another year.

Six thousand rose clippings, from the hedges that beautify the campus, are ready for distribution by the University of Oregon over the state.

The 14th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor closed its sessions at Salem. Astoria was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Work of enrolling members of the Oregon naval militia in the national naval volunteers, as provided by a recent act of congress, was taken up this week.

The secretary of agriculture announced the second allotment of funds under the good roads law of last session. Under this allotment Oregon will receive \$157,374.

Two carloads of flax seed bolls, in which there is a small percentage of flax seed, have been sold by the Eugene flax committee to the Portland Linseed Oil works.

Anglers and commercial fishermen from all sections of Douglas county met at Roseburg in an effort to agree upon legislation regulating fishing in the Umpqua river.

The secretary of war has decided definitely to purchase a tract of land in the vicinity of Linnton, for a rifle range for the use of troops stationed at Vancouver barracks.

Forest Supervisor Cryder, of the Umatilla national forest, announces that commencing February 1 special weather forecasts will be sent out for the benefit of stockmen.

The Salem Hospital association has commissioned a Salem architect to draw plans for a proposed \$50,000 hospital structure which may be erected during the present year.

That all kind of livestock are coming through the unusually severe winter in splendid condition is the report from stockmen of all parts of Baker, Grant and adjoining counties.

Union county's jail, from which several prisoners have made their escape in recent years, was declared by the grand jury to be unsafe, and extensive repairs and improvements are urged.

With only five votes registered against it, the project for the formation of the South Side Irrigation district for the irrigation of 2000 acres of land on the south side of Rogue river was carried.

The directors of the Mount Angel bank have offered \$5000 to the farmers of the surrounding country with which to build silos. The board has announced that this sum will be loaned for this purpose at 5 per cent.

Plans for draining French prairie, comprising a district embracing 15,000 acres, were discussed at a meeting held at Gervais Saturday afternoon. Government surveys have been made and the officials say the land is easily drainable.

The report of the laying contest at Pullman, Wash., for the first two months and a half shows that a pen

of white leghorns owned by J. A. Hanson, of the College View Poultry farm, Corvallis, is in the lead with a total of 184 eggs.

Any girl in Oregon, between the ages of 9 and 18 years, who can sew well enough to win first place, will be given a trip to the Oregon Agricultural college this summer, with all expenses paid, to receive lessons in sewing. The contest is being carried on under the direction of H. C. Seymour, state leader of boys' and girls' club work.

WALL STREET FILES SHOW NEWS 'LEAKED'

Telegram Sent By Private Wire Three Hours Before Note Was Made Public.

New York.—From the files of a Wall street brokerage house congressional inquirers brought to light private and confidential telegrams regarded in some quarters as definitely indicating that there was a "leak" on President Wilson's recent peace note.

The most sensational telegram, containing a brief but remarkably accurate forecast of the contents of the note, was sent by E. F. Hutton & Co., one of the largest brokerage houses in the street, over its private wires on the afternoon of December 20, more than three hours before the first information on which the message newspapermen by Secretary Lansing.

Information on which this message to brokers was based, Edward F. Hutton, head of the firm, testified, came in another message, from E. A. Connelly, of F. A. Connelly & Co., a Washington brokerage house, in which H. W. Holling, a brother-in-law of President Wilson, is a partner.

Hutton testified that his understanding was that Connelly's information regarding the note was based on general rumor. Indicative that other brokerage concerns were in possession of similar information, Hutton said, was another message he produced which Clement, Curtis & Co., of Chicago, sent his house prior to Connelly's first message.

MAYOR HIRAM GILL INDICTED AT SEATTLE

Seattle.—Mayor Hiram Charles Gill, Chief of Police Charles L. Beckingham and ex-Sheriff Robert T. Hodge, with a number of others, were indicted by the federal grand jury on three counts charging conspiracy with the Billingsley bootlegging ring—undoubtedly the largest illegal whiskey gang in America's largest dry city.

The indictments were returned after the Billingsleys charged that they had paid Mayor Gill \$4000 on August 29, 1916, to dismiss a number of city cases against them, return documentary evidence of their violations of federal laws, and agreed to protect them in plying the bootlegging business.

The Billingsleys also charged that they paid substantial sums of money to Chief Beckingham and ex-Sheriff Hodge.

"I have been expecting this for a month," said Mayor Gill, when he appeared at the federal building to give bond.

"I knew these bootleggers had threatened to get me because of my unrelenting efforts to put them out of business by smashing their joints."

MEXICAN BANDITS BEATEN

Seek Safety in Flight After a Long Fight with Americans.

Tucson, Ariz.—None of the United States cavalymen engaged in the battle on the border with Mexicans at Stone House from Friday morning until 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning was killed or wounded.

The Mexicans fled at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning and the Americans crossed the border but found no wounded or dead Mexicans.

The fighting was caused by some 25 irresponsible Mexican bandit cattle rustlers, according to a statement made by Brigadier General Plummer. The bandits, he said, were resisting cowboys who were trying to recover stolen cattle.

Easy Beliefs.
—It is easy for a man to believe he is henpecked, and that the man who has a different political view is an anarchist.—Atchison Globe.

MAWSON PICTURES—WESTON CHAUTAUQUA

Since the year 1840 no man had half fish—in a most amusing and been within the antarctic circle at the same time 1831 that a live over the 60 degrees of longitude manner. Having had no experience until the Mawson expedition arrived with man they were found to in 1911, and before the year 1840 he remarkably tame, and exceptionally intimate views were seen any human being had at any time been in that part of the world, and cured.

These films are said to be the most extraordinary of their kind ever made, having been secured at an expense of more than \$300,000.

The great Mawson pictures are among the attractions booked for Weston's Chautauqua, February 17, 19 and 20. Tickets for the entire series of six different attractions may be had for only \$1.50 each at the store of the Weston Mercantile Co. and Watts & Rogers. Reserved seats, 50 cents in addition, are on sale at Frank Pice's office.

While no human life exists in this newly discovered part of the world, animal life abounds there, and in the waters fish live in greater numbers than in the tropics—which are popularly supposed to contain more aquatic life than colder waters.

The strangest of all these antarctic inhabitants is the penguin, and the motion pictures secured by Explorer Mawson show this bird—

WESTON NORMAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE WESTON, OREGON

JANUARY 27, 1917

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE:—

We take this means of expressing our opposition to any measure proposing to appropriate \$125,000 for a new normal school plant in Eastern Oregon, leaving the location unnamed, and providing for the maintenance of such school an annual tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill. Any intimation that we now favor or have ever favored such a measure is without authority.

The State already owns in Eastern Oregon a \$75,000 school plant, the nature of which we have set forth in a prior communication. We believe this plant to be adequate to the needs of this section of the State for years to come. When closed by the State Senate in 1909 (the House then favored its continued maintenance by a vote of two to one) it housed the largest normal school in Oregon, successfully maintained on only \$12,500 per year. We further believe that an annual tax of one-fortieth of a mill would be ample to restore it to usefulness. Moreover, Weston and contiguous school districts are able to furnish for its practice school all the grade pupils that would ever be required, while from the standpoint of health, climate, environment and accessibility the location here is admirable.

The State's property here has been cared for by the city and school district and is in good condition. New equipment only is needed, the former equipment having been taken away and sold by order of the State Board of Regents in 1909.

We would suggest that if any normal school legislation is contemplated at this session, justice, wisdom and economy require that it take the shape of a millage tax bill to be submitted to the people, levying an annual tax of one-fortieth of a mill for the reopening and maintenance of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston.

Respectfully submitted,
F. D. WATTS,
S. A. BARNES,
E. O. DEMOSS,
E. M. SMITH,
CLARK WOOD,
Committee.

A Simple Lesson In Arithmetic



If you SPEND YOUR MONEY out of town,
And your neighbor spends HIS MONEY out of town,
And EVERYBODY spends his money out of town,
What will become of this town?
THINK IT OVER.
TRADE AT HOME

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Fire which swept through a section of the retail business district of Pittsburgh caused a loss of \$2,000,000.

The rivers and harbors bill, carrying an appropriation of \$39,000,000, was passed by the house by a vote of 221 to 132.

Directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway authorized the electrification of some 200 miles of the Puget sound division of the road from Othello, in Washington, to the Pacific coast.

William J. Burns, the famous detective, was found guilty of surreptitiously entering the law offices of Seymour & Seymour, in New York, making copies of private papers and then publishing them.

F. C. Oxman, of Durkee, Or., testified in the murder trial of Thomas J. Mooney at San Francisco that he actually saw planted the bomb that cost ten lives and injured 40 persons during a preparedness parade July 22, 1916.

Withdrawal of the American military expedition in Mexico was ordered by the war department, and by the end of the week the entire command, after ten months on Mexican soil, probably will have recrossed into the United States.

North Dakota is going to take care of her soldier boys. Both houses of the legislature passed a bill appropriating \$10,000 to be used in aiding the militiamen, mustered out of the federal service, who may have difficulty in finding work.

Most Necessary.
A brittle for the tongue is a necessary piece of baggage.

DR. ZIMMERMAN



Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, who says Allies leave no channel open for peace proposals.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

On the northern portion of the French front British troops have carried out several successful raids.

In Mesopotamia the British and Ottoman troops continue their fight for the possession of Kut-el-Amara.

In northwest Russia on the Riga sector considerable fighting continues. Here both Berlin and Petrograd record the repulse of attacks.

Paris reported that most of the positions captured near Verdun by the Germans were recaptured, adding that the German losses were enormous.

The Dresden arsenal has been blown up and 1000 women and young girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier by the French, dated December 20.

Artillery activity prevails in the Austro-Italian theater, and duels with the big guns and operations by small raiding parties are in progress on the front in Macedonia.

Emperor William, of Germany, repeated on his 58th birthday anniversary Saturday his promise previously made to the German army that Germany would enforce peace with the sword.

On the Bukovina-Roumania front between the towns of Jacobeni and Kimpolung the Russians have delivered a vicious attack which resulted in the piercing of the line of the Teutonic allies over a front of nearly two miles.

FISK NOT IN "LEAK" RING

Banker Denies He Gambled With Senator or Secretary of Treasury.

New York.—Pliny Fisk, a New York banker, named by Thomas W. Lawson as the banker in the mysterious "cabinet member-senator-banker" investment trio, denied at the "leak" inquiry that he ever had been interested with Secretary McAdoo or a "senator" in any joint stock account.

Archibald S. White, the financier, who was declared by Lawson to have told him Fisk had boasted to him that he controlled Secretary McAdoo and had offered to call the secretary from his bed by telephone at 1:30 o'clock in the morning to prove his assertion, insisted that Lawson was "romancing."

All Oregon Troops Are Ordered Home.

Portland.—"All Oregon troops on the border ordered home," was the statement made in a telegram received Sunday from Senator George E. Chamberlain, by Major W. W. Wilson, acting adjutant general. There are at present on the border the troops in Battery A and the cavalry of Troop A. In the battery there are about 165 men and in the troop about 104.

President Vetoes Immigration Bill.

Washington.—President Wilson vetoed the Immigration bill, passed recently by congress, because of the literacy test provision. The bill which the president vetoed passed the house last March by a vote of 308 to 87, and the senate in December 64 to 7.

Germany has announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

SENATE TO HOLD LONGER SESSIONS

Democrats Bring in Measure to Meet Preparedness Expenditures.

Washington.—With less than 20 working days remaining in the life of the 64th congress, the democratic steering committee of the senate decided to hold daily sessions of the senate from 11 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night, beginning Thursday, February 1.

An obstruction to business which democratic leaders fear is the urgent desire of republican senators to force discussion of President Wilson's peace address, as provided for in Senator Cummins' resolution to reaffirm the faith of the senate in the Monroe doctrine and the principles of Washington and Jefferson, advising against entangling foreign alliances.

In the house this week the revenue fight will begin. The entire membership of the ways and means committee considered the measure framed by Chairman Kitchin and his democratic colleagues.

The measure is designed to raise about \$248,000,000 to meet extraordinary military and naval expenditures by excess profits tax and an increased inheritance tax and to provide \$100,000,000 more to cover the purchase of the Danish West Indies, expenditures on the Alaskan railroad, the proposed government nitrate plant and other enterprises.

Democrats Check Debates Over Peace.

Debate on President Wilson's world-peace address enlivened the senate for several hours before it was halted by concerted action of administration leaders. Then Senator Cummins' motion to take up his resolution to set aside time for a general discussion of the subject was tabled by a vote of 38 to 30.

Sensors Hitchcock and Williams, of the foreign relations committee, engineered the movement to kill the Cummins resolution, Senator Martine, of New Jersey, being the only democrat refusing to support them in their contention that the clogged legislative calendar made the action necessary. Republicans voted solidly against the motion to table.

4 CHILDREN SLAIN; FATHER ARRESTED

Tacoma, Wash.—Four small children were brutally murdered at Auburn early Sunday as they lay in their beds. It is alleged the room and beds had been saturated with kerosene and then the house set on fire.

Their father, S. A. Hewett, a Northern Pacific brakeman in the railroad yards at Auburn, was placed under arrest by the King county sheriff and taken to Seattle.

Hewett's story is that the four children retired as usual to their beds but during the night one was taken ill. He went to attend the little one, taking a kerosene lamp, which he left burning on a chair between their two beds. Being restless, he said he took a walk, returned later and fell into a sound sleep, from which he was awakened by flames crackling all about him. Unable to reach the children, he said he rushed to a neighbor's to give a fire alarm and then returned, and with a garden hose tried to quench the flames.

Examination of the children's charred bodies, the coroner said, revealed the fact that their skulls had been crushed in, while the mattresses on which they lay were saturated with blood.

Mrs. Hewett, the mother, left the family home last week and was in Everett.

\$500,000 for Work in Belgium.

New York.—More than \$500,000 has been pledged to the commission for relief in Belgium, by members of the Rocky Mountain club, of New York. The money was originally subscribed toward the new \$1,000,000 home in this city.

Win Fortifications in Roumania.

Petrograd, via London.—Russian troops have captured Austro-German fortifications east of Jacobeni, southwest of Kimpolung, near the northern end of the Roumanian front, the war office announced.

Weather Report—some windy.