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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Umatilla's woman mayor has suffered a nervous breakdown.

Pendleton's first annual automobile show was held last week.

In annual convention the Grande Ronde Baptist association held a three day session at Baker.

Fire destroyed the general merchandise store of G. C. Clark at Flora with a loss of about \$14,000.

Professor Lamd, of the poultry and pig department of O. A. C., held a three days' extension course in Free-water.

The executive committee in charge of the Roseburg strawberry festival has decided to hold this year's carnival May 17, 18 and 19.

The governor appointed L. L. Mullt, of Portland, and William H. Gora, of Medford, to the board of regents of the University of Oregon.

A banquet was tendered to the officers and men of the returning Oregon and Washington troops from the Mexican border at Portland.

The potato growers of Benton county held a meeting at Irish Bend last week and organized the Benton County Potato Growers' association.

The logging camps in the vicinity of Black Rock are busy and a full force of men is employed in building new roads and getting ready for the spring work.

Miss Harriet Lane, second daughter of Senator and Mrs. Harry Lane, of Oregon, was married in Baltimore to Dr. S. D. Hicks, a practicing physician of Norfolk, Va.

Registration for the second semester at the University of Oregon is now practically completed, with the books showing 1932 who have signed the roll since September.

It is expected that the valuable power site near Salem recently purchased by the C. K. Spaulding Logging company, will be used to develop power for a large paper mill.

With a view of making possible the handling of all small fruits produced in Douglas county, the business men of Roseburg are considering the establishment of a cannery.

Governor Withycombe appointed Dr. C. T. Bacon, of La Grande; Dr. Robert J. Marsh, of Portland, and Dr. Harry E. Clay, of Salem, as members of the state board of health.

Counting only general bonds, Portland is within \$4,000,000 of the limit of its indebtedness as provided in the city charter. The outstanding bonds of Portland aggregate \$17,042,000.

Dr. Frank Wood, of Portland, was appointed by Governor Withycombe to succeed Dr. Luther H. Hamilton, also of Portland, as a member of the state board of medical examiners.

Dr. B. L. Steerer, of Salem, was elected president of the board of trustees of Willamette University to succeed the late T. S. McDaniel at a meeting of the board held in Portland.

The secretary of the interior announces the opening to entry on March 6, of approximately 1300 acres in the second unit of the west extension of the Umatilla reclamation project.

Dairy products of all kinds will be displayed at the Western Dairy Products show to be held in Portland March 1 and 2 under the auspices of the Western Dairy Instructors' association.

Oregon's fifty-eighth birthday, the anniversary of the state's admission to the Union, which occurred in 1859, was celebrated by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers with a banquet in Portland.

Machinery for a recall election against County Judge Messick and Commissioner J. P. Ritter was set in motion at a meeting of several hundred representative taxpayers of Baker county at Baker.

Congressman Sinnott has received notice that the secretary of agriculture has recommended the elimination of a considerable body of land along Crow and Chesnimus creeks, in Wallawa national forest.

At a meeting of Canyonville's woman council held last week, Mrs. T. C. Shaw, a prominent resident of that city, was elected mayor. The mayor of Canyonville is elected by the council and not by the voters.

In the endeavor to further apricot culture in The Dalles section, the two local canneries are offering as an inducement to sign contracts for all the growers can produce at \$25 a

ton delivered at the plants.

If infantile paralysis should break out in Oregon this summer, the state board of health will have trouble in dealing with the situation because of the small appropriation made, says Dr. David Hoberg, the secretary.

Robert Gavin, of Portland, is to get the reward of \$500 offered by the state for the capture of Edward Bartholomew, the convicted murderer of John Lind, the "green trunk" victim in a Portland lodging house a year ago last fall.

The following fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon: Bernice Bockler, Pleasant Valley, vice A. F. Staley, resigned; Evan M. Harris, Rujada, vice L. S. Bisbey, resigned; Bertha M. Cleer, Harriman, vice C. L. Lee, resigned.

The Southern Pacific company has placed armed guards at bridges and tunnels both on the main line and the Coos bay and Oak Ridge branches out of Eugene to guard against possible interference with traffic in view of the international situation.

Proposed tariffs materially advancing intrastate freight rates on several classes of freight on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, the Oregon Electric and the Southern Pacific company's lines in Oregon were suspended in three orders issued by the public service commission.

Portland is the official rose city of the northwest. Notice has been received that the American Rose society at its meeting in Philadelphia last week selected Portland, thus ending a three-cornered fight for the honor which has been waged by Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for a year past.

More than 200 persons interested in the grain industry of the northwest, including growers, shippers and millers, attended a hearing conducted in Portland last week by representatives of the department of agriculture. The hearing was called to gather information and seek suggestions to be used later as a basis for establishing uniform grain standards.

Representative Sinnott filed two vacancies in the list of appointees at the West Point military academy, appointing as principals Merrill C. Jasper, of Baker, and Ellis V. Williamson, of La Grande. As alternates he appointed Clinton Ingle, of La Grande; Brynton B. Pinch, Lakeview; Asa T. Williams, of Baker, and Virgil R. Brattain, Lakeview.

The few hop sales reported in the past week were at low prices. The outlook for the remainder of the season is unsatisfactory as there is a large surplus on the coast and there is no chance of the export outlet being opened, from present indications. Stocks left in Oregon are estimated at 17,000 bales in growers' hands, while dealers hold about 6000 bales.

That the Hood River valley apple growers will receive at least \$1,250,000 for their apple crop this season now seems certain. The apple crop of the valley, as estimated by the shipping interests, will total approximately 1,250,000 boxes, and it is reported that the fruit will not the growers back, after shipping charges have been paid, approximately \$1 per box average for all grades.

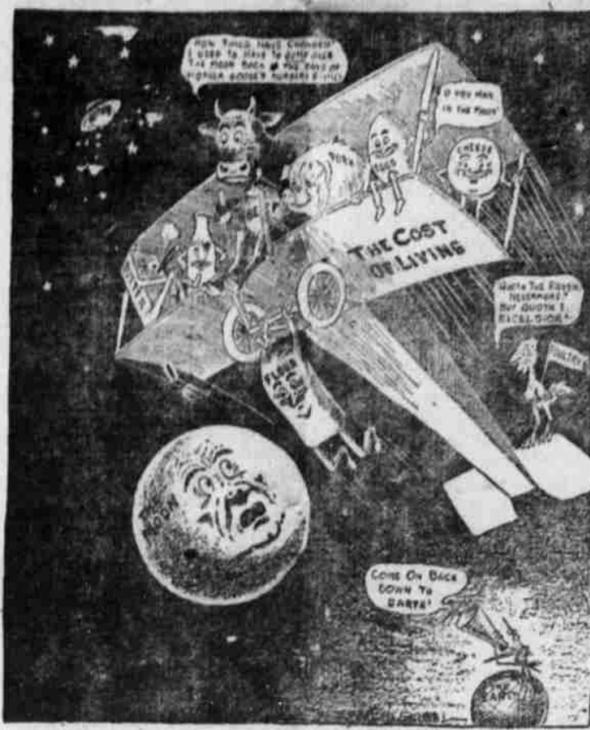
Acting upon instructions from Sheriff George Quine, of Roseburg, the officers at Tacoma, Wash., arrested Carl Scholz on a charge of threatening to kill Attorney-General George M. Brown of Salem, and District Attorney George Neuner of Roseburg. Attorney-General Brown said he would either have Scholz turned over to the federal officials for prosecution or committed to the Oregon hospital for the insane.

A new project for the Coquille river harbor has been outlined by the Port of Bandon and approved by the United States engineers, which will mean the immediate expenditure of \$100,000, and \$10,000 a year for an indefinite period. The aim of the port is to maintain a 15-foot channel from the mouth of the river to Parkersburg and a 12-foot channel from that point to Coquille, making it possible for ocean-going steamers to dock at Coquille.

An irrigation system is scheduled to be installed in the Crane section, the water to be derived from Malheur lake, five miles southwest of Crane. Surveys are now being made for the main ditches and a pumping plant on the shore of the lake, electric power to be developed on the Malheur river above Drewsey. It is learned that sufficient water will be taken from Lake Malheur to irrigate 54,400 acres of land, located between Lawton and Crane, and east and south of the lake.

David C. Eccles, wealthy timberman and railroad owner, of Ogden, Utah, and head of the Oregon Lumber Company, which recently purchased 27,240 acres of choice Oregon timber land

## SMASHING ALL ALTITUDE RECORDS.



—Seibel in Albany Knickerbocker Press.

from the DuBois Lumber Company, has announced that the \$4,000,000 purchase was made for the purpose of operation and not for speculation. As soon as cruisers have finished their work in the timber a crew of surveyors will be sent out with instructions to rush their work as much as possible that definite plans may be launched for the construction of the logging road.

Oregon jackrabbit furs have been accepted as satisfactory for making hats by six large eastern manufacturers. Another eastern firm has placed a test order for 1000 skins with R. A. Ward, United States assistant biologist, who has sent several sample bales to eastern hat firms. Mr. Ward, who is conducting an anti-jackrabbit campaign in Klamath county in cooperation with the county agent, reports a standing order for all skins that can be furnished at 5 cents apiece. The fur is satisfactorily taking the place of former Australian and Belgian importations that have been interrupted by the European conflict.

## BRAND WHITLOCK



Photo by American Press Association. Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, who will be permitted to remain in Brussels by Germany.

## WOMEN IN BREAD RIOT IN NEW YORK

New York.—The cry of housewives unable to meet the advancing cost of food was heard in the city's seat of government when several hundred women from the tenement districts stormed the city hall, screaming "We want bread!" The women of the New York tenements have taken the food situation in their own hands and planned a series of public demonstrations to convince the mayor and city officials that something must be done to re-

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

Continuing their advance on Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, British troops have taken more positions from the Turks.

French-raiding operations and artillery duels still continue on various sectors of the front in France and Belgium.

Starting at the French line in Champagne, midway between Verdun and Rheims, troops of the German crown prince have taken ground to a depth of a half mile on a front of a mile and a half.

German reports attribute marked success to the operations of individual U-boats within the last few days. One submarine, it is announced, sunk 50,000 tons of shipping in 24 hours, while another averaged 7000 tons a day for five days.

Except for raids by British, French and German troops at various points along the front in France and two small engagements in Galicia, there has been no important infantry fighting on the other battle fields. Official communications report much aerial activity on the western front.

## Farm Loan Bonds Exempt From Taxes

Washington.—To correct reports published in western states to the effect that Attorney-General Gregory had given an opinion holding unconstitutional the law exempting from taxation mortgages taken and bonds issued under the farm loan system, the farm loan board issued a statement, saying: "The fact is that the opinion of the attorney-general declares the law perfectly constitutional."

## World's Potato Crop Short.

Washington.—Potato production in the United States, Canada, France, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands and Japan aggregates 1,053,209,000 bushels for last year, a reduction of 13.6 per cent from the previous year and 11.4 per cent from the five-year average.

## ANTI-ALIEN BILL IS REVIVED

Idaho Measure Is Reintroduced in State Senate.

Boise, Idaho.—The anti alien bill, which was killed by the state senate February 3, as the result of protests by the Japanese embassy to the state department at Washington, was reintroduced in the senate.

The bill, which had passed the lower house, was killed by the senate from patriotic motives. It was reintroduced as the result of charges in affidavits filed at Washington with the state department that the Japanese embassy's protest had not resulted from orders from Tokio, but from the activities of an Idaho attorney, C. M. Booth, who was quoted by the affidavits as having said he had brought pressure to bear on the embassy and the state department through a Washington attorney.

Booth denies the charges, saying the statements are false and absurd.

## Dry Law May Go Before People.

Olympia, Wash.—Application for petitions to submit the bone-dry law, recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor on Monday, was filed with Secretary of State I. M. Howell here by former State Senator E. M. Williams, of Seattle.

## 1917 Wool Clip Brings 40 Cents.

Great Falls, Mont.—It was announced here that Cole Bros. and C. S. McDonald, both of Choteau, and Coffey & Wallenstein, of Farmington, sold their 1917 clips at 40 cents a pound to Boston firms.

## National Guard Troops to Go Home.

Washington.—All national guard troops remaining on the border have been ordered home.

## THE MARKETS.

### Portland.

Wheat—Club \$1.52; bluestem \$1.57; red Russian, \$1.49; forty-fold, \$1.53. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$39 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$20 per ton; alfalfa, \$16. Butter—Creamery, 35c. Eggs—Ranch, 32c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 36c; valley, 41c. Hops—1916 crop, 448c; 1917 contracts, 196 1/2c.

### Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$1.55; club \$1.54; forty-fold, \$1.52; red Russian, \$1.52; 40c; \$1.54; turkey red, \$1.58. Barley—\$39 per ton. Butter—Creamery, 35c. Eggs—35c.

Two U-boats sank 36 vessels.

## SUBMARINE IS SUNK BY FRENCH STEAMER

### Submersible Collapses When Hit by Shell From Armed Freighter.

New York.—In a 40-minute battle between a German U-boat and the French line steamship Guyane, off the coast of France, on January 22, the submarine was sunk, according to officers of the freighter, which arrived here Monday from Bordeaux.

The Guyane was one day out from port. At 3:30 p. m. Captain Roussetot said, the U-boat was sighted some distance to port, and apparently endeavoring to cross the freighter's bow to stop her. The submarine fired a shot, which fell short, and the Guyane then turned sharply to starboard so that her big 65-millimetre gun, mounted at the stern, could be trained on the approaching diver.

The submarine fired a second shot, which fell considerably short, and a third, which struck the water close by the freighter.

Meanwhile the Guyane's gunner had sent one shell, which failed to hit, but struck very near its mark. A second shot from the Guyane, Captain Roussetot said, hit the U-boat squarely, and the underwater boat was seen to collapse.

During the next 30 minutes the German craft appeared to be struggling for existence. The freighter's officers said they had no doubt that the U-boat was lost.

## BRITISH TAKE 1000 YARDS IN FRANCE

London.—British troops captured German positions on a front of about one and one-half miles, penetrating the German defenses to a distance of about 1000 yards and coming within close range of Petit Miramont, which lies to the northeast of Grandcourt, on the Aisne front in France.

Another important German position also was carried along a front of about 1000 yards, according to the official report from headquarters.

The British gain in this sector is one of the biggest jumps forward Haig's troops have taken in months. The ground gains reported, which, it is officially stated, were held against all counter attacks, make extremely perilous the German positions to the northwest of Le Sars.

The new British positions are a bare six miles from the strategic point of Rapaume, toward which British attacks have been edging for the last six months.

## BIG RUSH FOR CITIZENSHIP

More Than 50,000 Get Certificates in One Day. Washington.—During the two weeks since the diplomatic break with Germany, foreigners living in the United States, notably Germans and Austrians, have flocked to the courts to become American citizens in such numbers that labor department officials said the total could not even be estimated.

An idea of the unprecedented rush for naturalization papers is afforded by the fact that one day alone more than 50,000 certifications of naturalization were issued. To meet the demand the department has ordered the issuance of more than 100,000 blanks to be distributed to examiners throughout the country.

## Brazil Warns Germany.

Paris.—A wireless dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, says the Brazilian minister at Berlin, by order of his government, has warned Germany that Brazil will hold her responsible for the fate of three Brazilian vessels approaching the war zone.

## Germans Sank Law, Say Crew.

Washington.—Affidavits filed by the captain and crew of the American ship Lyman M. Law with the American consul at Rome indicate they believed the submarine which sank their ship was manned and commanded by Germans.

## Nets Placed at New York.

New York.—A steel net designed to protect the port of New York from hostile submarines and other war craft in the event of war has been put in place at the entrance of the harbor.

Food riots are imminent in the East.