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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Fear of an acute stock-feed famine is growing around Canyon City.

A shingle mill is to be erected on the North fork of the Siuslaw River at once.

Seven out of nine of the councilmen of Oregon City are facing a recall, including the mayor.

The backbone of the car shortage on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon seems to be broken.

Another effort to create Cascade county out of the eastern section of Clackamas is reported to be afoot.

Sixteen hundred acres of producing prune land in Polk county gave a total of 3,500,000 pounds of dried prunes in 1916.

A carload of young shorthorn bulls, 43 in number aged 1 and 2 years, brought a total of \$10,000 at a sale at Union.

The new auxiliary schooner Margaret, the second vessel built at the McEachern yards at Astoria, was launched Saturday.

During the recent heavy snow storm almost every pole on the Riddle telephone exchange was broken and fell to the ground.

Baker county gold and copper mines are at present producing an average of \$300,000 a month, according to estimates of mining men.

With nearly 200 cases of measles in Roseburg the health authorities decided to delay opening the public school until late this week.

With 424 convicts at the state penitentiary, every able bodied man is now employed at some useful occupation, according to Warden Murphy.

Democrats from western Oregon gathered in Albany Saturday at a banquet, in honor of W. H. Hornbrook, former minister to Siam.

There are at least 80,000 sacks of potatoes held in storage in Portland, according to a report made to Assessor Henry E. Reed of Multnomah county.

Good road enthusiasts in the state of Oregon have been invited to attend a rally to be held in Eugene the afternoon and evening of Saturday, March 10.

The \$200,000 road bond issue voted in Wasco county at the last general election is valid, according to an opinion handed down by the supreme court.

Plans to reopen the famous Todd quicksilver mines at Elk Head, eight miles east of Yoncalla, which have been idle for 14 years, have been announced.

Over 50 delegates from the Y. W. C. A. organizations of western Willamette valley schools attended a conference at the Oregon normal school at Monmouth.

Only such measures as are designated in the act calling the special election itself will be on the ballot for consideration at the election to be held Monday, June 4.

The W. F. Drager Fruit company, of Roseburg, shipped 87,500 pounds of Douglas county prunes to London, where they will be distributed among the allied armies.

It is reported that the livestock of Douglas county suffered considerably as a result of the recent snow storm. Hundreds of sheep perished on the higher elevations.

Fifty Bandon business men are financing a stock company to the amount of \$5000 to reopen the Bandon woolen mills, which have been idle for the past two years.

Applications for grazing permits for 6491 head of cattle and 51,800 head of sheep have been made up to date to Supervisor W. G. Hastings, of the Deschutes national forest.

Wintworth Lord, one of the most active men in the early history of The Dalles, and, with perhaps one exception, the oldest pioneer of Wasco county, died in McMinnville.

Miss Bertha Dorris, for the last year and a half matron of the department of public safety in Eugene, has been appointed parole officer of the state girls' industrial school at Salem.

John V. Bennes, a Portland architect, has been named to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed \$100,000 library building to be erected for the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

The Willamette University glee club has started on a 2000-mile tour of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The men will be absent for six weeks

and will appear in more than 40 concerts on the trip.

Work was started this week by the Pearson Construction company on the elimination of the O. W. R. & N. grade crossings on Portland's East Side, a project contemplated for years. The contract amounts to \$507,000.

The state board of control has turned over to the advisory board of women of the girl's industrial school at Salem, all problems of hiring and discharging employes, or of accepting the resignations of such employes.

C. W. McCullagh, for the last five years sales manager of the Yakima Valley Growers' association, has been elected sales manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' association, and signed a contract at a salary of \$6000 a year.

Senior members of the logging engineering school of O. A. C. are on their annual logging trip to camps of the Columbia river region. They will spend two weeks in Cathlamet receiving practical instruction in the logging industry.

Recent reports made to the state board of health and examinations of the heads of animals suspected of having rabies show an alarming increase in the spread of hydrophobia throughout Oregon, according to Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer.

William Branson, tried on a charge of killing William Booth in October, 1915, was found guilty of second degree murder at McMinnville. This was Branson's third trial, the first having resulted in a hung jury and the second in a verdict for conviction.

More than 1100 people attended the mole trapping demonstrations given during the recent bad weather all over Multnomah county under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural Extension division and by Theodore Scheffer, of the United States biological survey.

The Western Broccoli association has placed \$1600 worth of broccoli seed in safety deposit vaults at Eugene for safe keeping until it is distributed to Lane county farmers, who have contracted with the association to grow broccoli. The seed is valued at \$2 an ounce.

The amount due the 18 land grant counties in Oregon on delinquent taxes from the Oregon & California land grant is \$1,714,775.89, according to tabulations prepared by Oswald West, who is representing the department of the interior in steps to collect the back taxes.

Phil Metschan, Jr., and W. J. Hofmann, both of Portland, were named by Governor Withycombe as members for Oregon of the finance committee of six members which will have charge of disbursing a fund for exploiting the scenic wonders and attractions of the Pacific northwest.

It is reported that 21 applicants have filed requests to secure quarter sections of Oregon-California grant lands. All the applications are made by residents of New York City. Attorney General Brown says no preference will be given to those who file early, except to those living on lands.

Efforts to secure the reversion of the lands of the Coos bay wagon road grant in the United States and their sale according to the terms of the grant are being put in motion by Oswald West, who has drafted a bill in tentative form for submission to Senator Chamberlain and presentation to congress.

The \$35,000 grain elevator of the Farmers' Union Grain agency was dedicated at Pendleton Saturday.

Extensive plans are being made by members of Oregon Lewis and Clark chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the fourth annual state conference, to be held in Eugene March 9 and 10.

The Cascade Contract company, of Portland, has obtained an option on Saddle butte, 12 miles south of Albany, and plans to develop an extensive rock quarry there. The plans contemplate the construction of a branch railroad two and one-half miles from the quarry to connect with the Southern Pacific railroad at Shedd.

The McMinnville council has authorized the calling of a special election March 20, when the question of a \$90,000 bond issue will be submitted to the voters of the city, the funds thus made available to be used to secure an additional supply of water from mountain streams for the municipal gravity water system.

The project looking to the establishment of a submarine and aviation base at the mouth of the Columbia river was set back a year when the senate, on a point of order, rejected an amendment proposed by Senator Chamberlain appropriating \$300,000 to purchase land and equip such a station on the site regarded most favorable by the Heim board near Astoria.

## SAFETY FIRST.



Safe passage through submarine zone was to be given if American ships were distinguished by "a coating of paint in vertical stripes."  
—Goldsmith in Boston Globe.

The Holly Condensed Milk company of Amity, has invented a new product—rice and milk—which is gaining popularity with a bound, and many housewives are welcoming it into their list of table delicacies. The idea is entirely a new one and the Holly people are the originators and only manufacturers to put out the article. It is rice cooked and canned with condensed milk.

The Central Curry Good Roads association has submitted a memorial to Oregon's senators and representatives in congress urging them to take immediate steps toward eliminating lands on the coast slope of the Coast Range mountains in Curry county from the Siskiyou national forest and to have them opened to entry under the public land laws of the United States. Petitions indorsing the memorial are now being circulated through the county. Virtually everybody in the county is declared to favor the elimination of the lands from the reserve with a view to increasing the amount of assessable land in the county.

## SENATOR LANE



Senator Lane, of Oregon, only Coast senator against giving President authority he asked from Congress.

## ZIMMERMANN ADMITS PLOT AGAINST U. S.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann justified Germany's action in seeking to ally Mexico and Japan against the United States.

Such a course, he said, was merely a defensive measure—not to be carried out except in case the United States declared war on Germany. Moreover, he said, it was no more a "plot" than the "plot" which was reported in South American newspapers as having been undertaken against Germany by the United States when America sought, according to South American and other newspaper reports, to line up the American republics in common action against Germany. The foreign secretary commented on America's generally sympathetic. He refrained from admitting specifically his authorship of the letter to Minister Eckhardt at

Mexico City and his entire discussion of the matter was, he was careful to state, based on "English reports" of the "German plot to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States."

## SPY GIVEN FIVE-YEAR TERM

Minnesota Soldier in Letter Predicted Revolt in Event of War.

Minneapolis.—Paul L. Scharfenberg, of St. Paul, a private in Company L, 1st Minnesota Infantry, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., February 5, by a court martial at San Antonio, for furnishing military information to Germany.

A letter addressed to relatives in Germany asserting that 10,000,000 Germans in this country were ready to rise up against the government in the event of war with Germany was intercepted by British authorities and turned over to Washington officials. Scharfenberg is a native of Germany. Scharfenberg predicted in his letter that President Wilson "soon would be put out of the way" and stated that "the 100,000 troops on the border would not stand up if put against an efficient force."

## Austria Defends Submarine War.

London.—The American ambassador at Vienna has been handed the reply of the Austrian government in regard to unrestricted submarine warfare, according to a Vienna dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam.

The reply declares that neutrals are responsible for losses they suffer by entering territory where warlike operations are taking place.

## Benson Heads Oregon Road Board.

Salem, Or.—Economy and efficiency will be the policy of the new highway commission which was organized here with the election of S. Benson, of Portland, as permanent chairman.

## "Leak" Report is Adopted.

Washington.—The rules committee report absolving public officials from blame for any "leak" on the peace note was unanimously adopted by the house Saturday night.

## THE MARKETS.

Portland.  
Wheat—Club \$1.63; bluestem \$1.59; red Russian, \$1.60; forty-fold, \$1.69.  
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$39 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$20 per ton; alfalfa, \$16.  
Butter—Creamery, 37c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 24c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 36c; valley, 41c.  
Hops—1916 crop, 40¢; 1917 contracts, 10¢@11c.  
Seattle.  
Wheat—Bluestem \$1.70; club \$1.66; forty-fold, \$1.63; red Russian, \$1.63; life, \$1.61; turkey red, \$1.71.  
Barley—\$39 per ton.  
Butter—Creamery, 35c.  
Eggs—24c.

German agents are said to have been subsidizing Villa with huge sums.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

In the Tigris region, the British in quest of Bagdad, are following up the Turks recently driven out of Kut-el-Amarra.

Hamasan, in Persia, 240 miles northeast of Bagdad, the goal of the present advance in Mesopotamia, has been captured by the Russians.

No notable changes in positions have taken place in either the Austro-Italian or Macedonian theaters, where small engagements and artillery duels continue to prevail.

In a raid on Russian lines west of Lutsk, Volhynia, which were penetrated nearly a mile, Berlin says the Germans destroyed the Russian works and took 122 prisoners.

British troops maintain their daily progress against the German lines on the Ancre front in France. The capture of Gommecourt was followed by the driving of the British line 1000 yards northeast of that place.

Figures vouched for in London show that German submarines destroyed 490,000 tons of merchant shipping in February. This figure is less than half the 1,000,000 tons which Berlin has contended would result from unrestricted submarine warfare.

## Plot Revelation Due to Guardsmen.

Houston, Texas.—Four men, one non-commissioned officer and three privates of the First Indiana Infantry, and not secret service operatives of the government, arrested the messenger of Ambassador von Bernstorff, en route to Mexico to deliver the plotting note of Alfred Zimmerman to the German Ambassador at Mexico City. This was learned from two men who participated and were members of the border patrol. Their story was substantiated by officers of the United States army.

## Roosevelt Won't Talk With Bryan.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt has declined an invitation of representatives of the Congress of Forums to debate the subject of preparedness in this city with William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan, it was explained, had accepted the invitation.

## Britain to Build Ships in America.

New York.—Determined to fight the German U-boat menace to a finish, maintain its overseas commerce and offset its loss by the products of American shipyards Great Britain has placed nearly \$100,000,000 in contracts with American shipbuilders.

## Lansing Absolves Japan and Mexico.

Washington.—Secretary Lansing, in an official statement, made clear that the United States did not believe Japan had knowledge of the scheme or would take part in it. He also expressed the confidence of the government that Mexico would take no part.

## SENATOR LA FOLLETTE



Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, who led the filibuster which deprived the President of authority to arm merchant ships.

## Zebra's Stripes.

The zebra's stripes and similar markings on other animals are called "protective colorings." In the theory of natural selection it is assumed that those animals survived who were best fitted to escape from enemies, and animals which were so colored and striped as to avoid detection in the jungle passed on their characteristics to their descendants. Those which were easily detected did not survive to have progeny.

## Poor Form.

Percy—"I'd sooner go without the money than borrow from such a bouncer as Smith. Why, every time I ask him for a loan he says he's broke, and convinces me that he is."

## MUCH LEGISLATION. SHUT OUT AT CLOSE

### Many Administration Measures Fail Because of Tangle in Congress.

Washington.—Of the legislation on the administration program proper, only the revenue bill and the measure giving civil government to Porto Rico and American citizenship to its inhabitants, got through the legislative tangle at the close of the session.

Among the administration bills which failed were the measures to supplement the Adamson law, the bill to enlarge the interstate commerce commission, the Webb bill to legalize joint foreign selling agencies, and conservation legislation, including the general dam bills and water power bills. Bills which do not form part of the original program, but which were pressed unsuccessfully by cabinet officers and administration leaders included amendments to be shipping act to give the president power to commandeer ships, a drastic espionage bill which passed the senate but was never taken up in the house, and amendments to the federal reserve act to increase reserve bank gold holdings and decrease member bank reserves.

Congress provided for the payment of \$25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies. Among important enactments which were not specifically included in the administration program was the bill abolishing saloons in the District of Columbia and the rider on the postoffice appropriation bill making it a crime to transport liquor in interstate commerce into a prohibition state.

## EXTRA SESSION SEEMS CERTAIN

Washington.—Prospects of an extra session of congress soon seem strong. Members of congress generally now look for an extra session to be called to meet not later than June as a result of hints said to have been thrown out by officials close to President Wilson.

Aside from any action on the armed ship bill, the need of an extra session to pass the big supply measures which failed at the last session is regarded as imperative.

Although President Wilson has been advised that he has the authority to arm ships without waiting for action by congress, some among his advisers believed it would be the better policy to wait to see whether the senate will act.

Modification of the senate rules, urged by President Wilson to prevent future filibusters like the one that killed the armed neutrality bill, virtually was agreed upon by a conference committee of 10 senators, five democrats and five republicans, named by the party caucuses.

## WILSON IS INAUGURATED

Takes Oath Sunday to Uphold Constitution of United States.

Washington.—President Wilson took the oath of office for his second term at noon Sunday in his room at the capitol and was formally inaugurated Monday with public ceremonies.

Before a desk piled with executive business laid before him in the closing hours of congress and surrounded by members of his official family, he reaffirmed, with uplifted hand and grave features, his promise to uphold the constitution in whatever crisis may confront the nation in the momentous four years before it.

Members of the cabinet then crowded up with expressions of regard. Mr. Wilson received them with a smile and then turned back to his desk to complete his interrupted task.

Vice-President Marshall did not take the oath Sunday, but was sworn in for his second term Monday at the special session of the new senate with the usual vice-presidential inauguration ceremony.

## Bonds for Army Post Valid.

Olympia, Wash.—The state supreme court has upheld the validity of a proposed bond issue of \$2,000,000 by the city of Tacoma and Pierce county for purchase of land and American lake to be given to the United States government as the site of a military post.

Band concert tonight.