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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

La Grande held its first automobile show last week.

The Pomona grange of Lane county will establish a warehouse in Eugene.

The second annual Dufur colt show will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16.

The establishment of a fruit and vegetable cannery at Lebanon this summer seems assured.

Feed is scarce in Klamath county, and ranchers, in quest of supplies, can only find 16 year old hay.

A. C. Marster, of Roseburg, has been appointed a member of the state fair board by Governor Withycombe.

It is predicted that between 150 and 200 carloads of broccoli will be shipped out of Douglas county this year.

Eugene business men have launched plans for the formation of a \$50,000 corporation to take over the flax industry in Lane county.

R. M. Jennings, who has under lease the C. A. Smith mine at Henryville, is figuring on filling an order for 100,000 tons of Coos bay coal.

Portland's \$3,000,000 bond issue for the construction of grain elevators for handling bulk grain will be placed on the ballot at the June election.

Albany now has a morning newspaper. This gives the city three daily newspapers, as two afternoon papers have been issued for several years.

Lives of the citizens of Oregon are insured in the amount of \$146,644,060 in 134,484 policies, according to Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells.

At a mass meeting at Salem of more than 300 citizens it was voted unanimously to establish a free ferry across the Willamette River at that point.

At the annual meeting of the Grants Pass commercial club the name of the organization was changed to the chamber of commerce of Grants Pass.

The first big meeting of potato growers of the Willamette Valley was held at Springfield last week. Fully 200 farmers and business men attended.

Zenas F. Moody, governor of Oregon from September, 1882, to January, 1887, died at his home in Salem after a lingering illness of nearly two years.

The sale of new automobiles in the state is making rapid strides. A total of 2976 new cars were registered during the past three and one-half months.

W. B. Dennis of Carlton was elected a member of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology commission at the annual meeting of the commission in Portland.

The state fair board has approved a premium list for the 1917 fair aggregating \$28,000 which is the largest sum ever put up by the state for premiums.

It is expected electric operation on the west side lines of the Southern Pacific between Whiteson and Corvallis will start on May 15, but it may be delayed.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association will take steps at once for the erection of an addition to its canning plant in Eugene. The new building will be 48x60 feet.

A meeting of the prunegrowers of the Riddle vicinity was held Saturday for the purpose of discussing the matter of building a cooperative prune packing plant there.

With representatives present from all sections of Oregon, Washington and sections of California and Utah, the Pacific Concrete Pipe association was organized in Portland.

Representative Hawley has requested Secretary Lane to recommend the incorporation in the sundry civil appropriation bill of an appropriation of \$2500 for protection of the Coos Bay wagon road grant.

A convention will be held in Portland April 7 for the purpose of discussing the \$6,000,000 road bond issue and forming a statewide organization to conduct an educational campaign in behalf of the road program.

Through what is evidently an error in wording in drawing up the act, the last legislature made an open season all the year around on ducks, geese, rails, coots and shore birds in Harney, Malheur, Lake and Grant counties.

An Oregon grape, this state's official flower, will decorate the lawn of the white house in Washington, D. C. It was sent as an inauguration gift to President Wilson by Mrs. Viola P. Franklin, librarian of Albany's city

library. In addition to voting on the \$6,000,000 state bond issue for road improvement June 4, it is probable that several counties also will at the same time vote on county bond issues in order to provide funds to cooperate with the state. Arrangements are already being made in Grant county to call an election to vote on a bond issue of \$140,000, and in Tillamook county there is under discussion an issue of \$412,000.

The Utah-Oregon Sugar company, with principal offices at Grants Pass, is preparing for the installation of five heavy, permanent loading stations along the line of the Southern Pacific in the Roguo river valley, at a cost of \$20,000.

Farmers and stockmen of eastern Oregon are facing a serious problem in the shortage of feed due to the length and severity of the winter. Ordinarily the snow is gone from the grazing grounds by March 1, but this year is an exception.

Petitions are being circulated in Lincoln county for a special election to vote on the question of bonding Yaquina district for \$500,000 to meet one-half of the expense of the proposed Yaquina bay project for improving the depth on the bar.

A new apple-shipping concern, the Hood River Fruit company, headed by H. F. Davidson, formerly president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors and a pioneer apple shipper of the valley, will participate in the Hood River apple market next year.

Supervisors of the national forests within the district comprising the northwestern states and Alaska convened for one week beginning Monday in Portland for a comprehensive discussion and interchange of ideas relative to forest service work.

At a mass meeting held at La Grande a resolution was adopted calling upon citizens to meet and drive all Chinese from the city. The action was the result of the accidental shooting of Mrs. C. E. George by high-binders during a street battle.

R. A. Ward, specialist in the biological survey department of the Oregon Agricultural college, assisted by Professor Claude C. Cate, county pathologist, have organized eight large clubs and 15 smaller ones in various parts of Jackson county for the extermination of the rodent pests.

Merrill O. Evans, assistant state leader of county agricultural agents, brought to the attention of the fish and game commission the fact that timber operators are sawing logs on Lakes Ten Mile, Tahkenitch and Tallteos in southwestern Oregon and allowing the sawdust to settle in the water.

The river and harbor commission advised Representative Hawley they have approved a new project for a 20-foot channel depth at the entrance to Yaquina bay. The engineers estimate that the necessary work will cost \$814,000 of which half is to be borne by the government and half by local interests.

The desert land board has selected J. P. Newell, of Portland, and H. M. Park, of the board of mines and geology, as members of a commission to act with Project Manager Newell and investigate the feasibility of attempting to repair the leak in the reservoir of the Tumaio project in eastern Oregon.

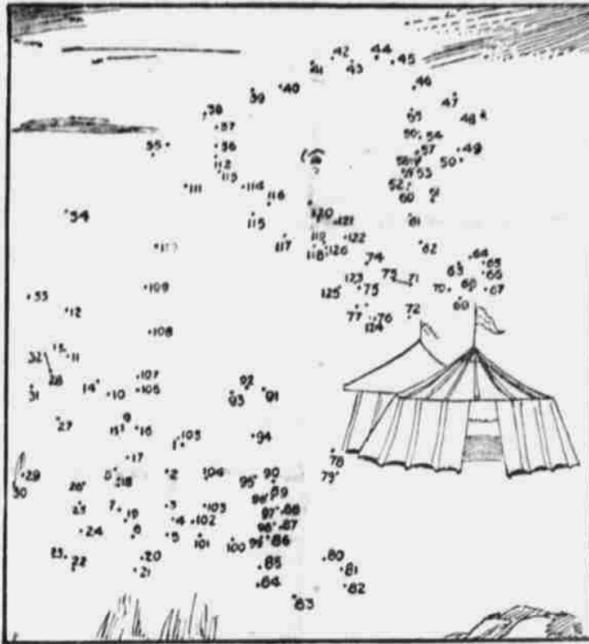
Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Mrs. Minnie D. Turnell, Edenbower, vice Mable Botcher, resigned; John W. Flick, Home, vice Ella M. Flick, resigned; Charles J. Ames, Rockcreek, vice Thomas B. Tubbs, resigned; Mrs. Bertha B. Pennel, Tiller, vice C. D. Bartrum, resigned.

The public service commission is beginning to receive annual reports from small public utilities over the state. These are coming in under the new ruling that reports shall be filed before April 1 to show the business transacted during the calendar year, rather than during the fiscal year ending June 30, as in the past.

The senate has confirmed the following nominations of Oregon postmasters: J. W. Vandervelden, Banks; Clark B. Foster, Dayton; Roy E. Pritchett, Gaston; Shelby F. Deaderick, Halfway; Volney E. Lee, North Powder; Edgar T. Davidson, Oswego; Roy J. Rhoades, Powers; Daisy Buckner, Seio; W. W. Wilson, Yoncalla.

Pursuant to the terms of the measure passed by the last legislature authorizing the governor to appoint a state lime board and making an appropriation of \$20,000 to be used in leasing and operating a quarry and mill for the manufacture of lime for soil purposes, a proposition has tentatively been made to the state to take over the large quarry across the river from Gold Hill, one mile distant, and directly opposite the Portland

Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 1



WHAT sort of a picture is this? Start your pencil at 1, draw a line to 2, 3, 4, etc., until all of the numbers have been linked together and you will be surprised and pleased with the result of your art work. This picture always carries a trunk when it travels about, likes to pack that trunk itself and, strange to say, part of the picture plays billiards all over the world. Now this is all you are to be told about it. Get busy with your pencil and find out what the puzzle is.

Cement Line company's plant.

The state has won its most signal victory in the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases. Circuit Judge T. E. Duffy, of Crook county, notified Attorney General Brown that he had made up his mind in the Crook county case, and forwarded to the attorney-general a memorandum of what his findings will be. The state wins its contentions on every point involved, the court even going so far as to require an accounting from Hyde, which has not been given in any other decisions so far. The Crook county case is the most important of any involved in the controversy which has stretched over seven counties of the state. This decision returns to the state 14,500 acres of land, or approximately half of the acreage involved in the suits, and their estimated value, for timber alone, is approximately \$200,000, based on the estimate of federal government cruisers. This does not include the value of the lands themselves.

SECRETARY LANE



Secretary of the Interior Lane, who headed the mediation committee which averted a railroad strike.

RAILWAY MEN CALL OFF BIG STRIKE

New York.—The conference committee of railroad managers early Monday morning authorized President Wilson's mediators to make whatever arrangements were necessary with the railroad brotherhoods to call off the threatened strike.

Immediately after Secretary Lane had made his announcement the brotherhood leaders sent telegrams to all the general chairmen informing them that the strike had been called off.

The decision reached by the managers at their midnight conference means that the brotherhood have won

an important victory, although it does not bring them all their original demands. By the agreement, it is assumed they will be awarded pro rata time for overtime on the basic eight-hour day, which they have been assured.

Their original demands called for time and a half for overtime on the same basic day.

LISTER KILLS AUSTRIAN FUND

Measure Making Spreading of I. W. W. Doctrine a Felony is Vetted.

Olympia, Wash.—With his final consideration of bills passed by the recent legislature, Governor Lister wiped out by veto the entire appropriation for the maintenance of the state bureau of inspection, amounting to \$43,700.

He also vetoed an appropriation of \$6000 for two years' salary of C. Will Shafer, state law librarian and killed S. B. 246, which makes it a felony to discuss or advocate I. W. W. doctrine in the state.

Other items vetoed in the general appropriation bill included \$9000 for maintenance of the executive mansion, \$1500 for the bureau of labor and \$250 appropriated to Cutter and Matting, of Spokane, for planning improvements to the Spokane armory, on the ground that they originally offered to do the work free of charge.

600 to 700 Killed in Russian Revolt.

London.—The Petrograd evening papers, according to a Reuter dispatch, estimate the victims of the revolution in the Russian capital as between 600 and 700 killed and wounded.

American Foreign Trade Drops Off.

Washington.—American foreign trade decreased approximately \$150,000,000 during February, the first month of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare.

Farmers to Pay Five Per Cent.

Washington.—The farm loan board has announced that the interest rate on all loans made to farmers throughout the country by federal land banks would be 5 per cent.

French Gunners Drop Zeppelin.

Paris.—A Zeppelin has been shot down in flames near Compiègne. All of its crew were lost.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$1.68; bluestem \$1.70; red Russian, \$1.62; forty-fold, \$1.67.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$23 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$20 per ton; alfalfa, \$16.
Butter—Creamery, 35c.
Eggs—Ranch, 27c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 40c; valley, 40c.
Hops—1916 crop, 4@7c; 1917 contracts, nominal.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$1.70; club \$1.66; forty-fold, \$1.66; red Russian, \$1.63;

HOME RULE FOR FINLAND CONGRESS CALLED TO MEET APRIL 2

Diet Will Soon Be Convened and Asked to Establish Government.

London.—Home rule for Finland is the policy of the new Russian government, according to a Reuter correspondent, who says that the Finnish diet will be convened shortly and asked to establish a government possessing the full confidence of the people.

General Zein, governor of Finland under the old regime, has been sent to Petrograd as a prisoner.

Minister of Justice Karenosky has ordered the district court at Tobolsk, Siberia, to release immediately M. Ovinhuys, former president of the Finnish diet, and arranged for his journey to Petrograd.

RETREAT IS DESCRIBED

Dispatch Says Nothing of Value is Left to Enemy.

Amsterdam, via London.—A Berlin dispatch to the Handelsblad describing the German retreat on the western front says:

"As the ground abandoned now has become a battlefield, it was necessary to destroy everything that might be of service to the enemy, such as roads, shelters and the water supply. This destruction was carried out ruthlessly, but what could be of no military advantage to the enemy was spared.

"The population that was capable of military service has been brought away, so that it might not be incorporated into the enemy army or retained as peaceful workers and care for the remaining civilian population left to the enemy."

Berlin newspapers all publish articles by military experts explaining the movement as part of the strategic plan on the western front and a master stroke to vitiate the preparations of the entente for an offensive, giving a decided advantage to the Germans.

Unrest in Germany Grows Alarmingly

Amsterdam.—Well informed correspondents on the Dutch-German frontier report that unrest is increasing daily among the German frontier population, which is suffering from terrible privations.

French Premier and Ministry Resigns

Paris.—Unable to withstand the growing opposition in the chamber of deputies, Premier Briand and his entire ministry resigned.

NICHOLAS II



Czar Nicholas, who abdicated the throne of Russia as the result of a revolution.

German Spies in New York Confess.

New York.—Albert O. Sander and Charles N. Wunnenberg, indicted as members of the Central Powers war film exchange on the charge of engaging in a military enterprise and sending spies to England to get information for the German military authorities, have pleaded guilty.

Utah Ouster Injunction Sustained.

Washington.—In sustaining injunctions ousting Utah hydro-electric power companies from forest reservations the supreme court upheld federal and limited state sovereignty in developing resources in western "public land" states.

Dyspepsia.

Eating when in the state of nervous exhaustion or great physical fatigue, prolonged mental strain or excessive grief may be sufficient to cause severe dyspepsia.

Resources of Nation Are Mobilized and Army of 3,000,000 Men Projected.

Washington.—President Wilson, recognizing that Germany practically is making war on the United States on the seas, called congress to assemble in extraordinary session of April 2 to deal with the situation.

The purpose of the session, now called two weeks earlier than the date first set, is to receive a communication from the chief executive concerning "grave matters of national policy which should be taken immediately under consideration."

The president in his address to congress will detail how Germany practically has been making war on the United States by the ruthless destruction of American lives and ships on the high seas in contravention of all the laws of nations and humanity. 200 American Lives Have Been Lost.

Since last Sunday, when three American ships were sunk off the British isles in quick succession with loss of American lives—bringing the total number of Americans lost through German submarine operation to more than 200—the president and all his advisers have recognized that a state of war existed. From all parts of the country have come calls for the immediate summoning of congress in extra session.

In a tentative way plans for marshaling the full strength of the regular army, the national guard and the raising of a volunteer army of 500,000 men have been worked out in the army war college.

The volunteer army of 500,000 is planned as a nucleus of what eventually would be an army of 3,000,000 and would be assembled in training camps.

Industrial Resources Mobilized.

The mobilization of industrial resources has gone much further. Hundreds of great corporations, through the efforts of the council of national defense, have prepared themselves to utilize their full efficiency in the defense of the nation.

Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, has offered, and the government has accepted, his great plant to be operated without profit in the event of war. Charles M. Schwab has announced that his Bethlehem plant, now greater than Krupp's, will be used entirely for the government. The United States Steel corporation and a hundred other great industrial organizations have been making plans for their participation. The great copper interests have notified the government that they would supply the army and navy with their vital supplies of copper at about half the market price.

ADAMSON LAW IS UPHELD

Eight-Hour Day on Railroads Declared Constitutional by Supreme Court.

Washington.—The eight-hour standard for railroad wages, provided in the Adamson law, was held constitutional by the supreme court.

The immediate effect of the decision will be to fix a permanent eight-hour basic day in computing wage scales on interstate railroads, for which a nation-wide strike twice has been threatened, and to give, effective from January 1 of this year, increases in wages to trainmen of about 25 per cent, at a cost to the railroads estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year.

Tariff Board is Named.

Washington.—President Wilson has selected the following men as members of the tariff commission: Professor Frank W. Taussig, of Harvard University; ex-Representative David J. Lewis, of Cumberland, Md.; ex-Representative William Kent, of Kentfield, Cal.; Daniel C. Roper, of McCall, S. C.; E. P. Costigan, of Denver; W. S. Culbertson, of Emporia, Kan.

Seattle Employer Held Innocent.

Seattle, Wash.—E. P. Erckenbrack, manager of the Border Line Transportation company, was cleared of any complicity in the death of Mabel Howe, a domestic in his home, when a coroner's jury returned a verdict that the girl had come to her death through self-inflicted bullet-wound.

Unightly Weeds.

Obnoxious weeds may be killed by covering the stalks with salt. Salt may be used to keep down weeds by sprinkling it over the ground.