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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Steps are being taken to organize a troop of cavalry in Lebanon.

The girls of Corvallis have formed a branch of the Girls' Honor guard.

The western Lane county play festival will be held at Elmira May 12.

The Bend Automobile club was formed recently with a large membership of auto owners.

A chapter of the National Red Cross society was formed in the Rogue river valley with a membership of 85.

The O-W. R. & N. company has determined to institute a motorcar service between Elgin and La Grande.

The Klamath county lumber mills are preparing for a record run this season as soon as the weather permits.

The Eugene rifle club at its annual meeting decided upon a campaign to increase its membership to 100 members.

Florence M. Dunlop, of Airfle, was the first to make application for a loan under the rural credits amendment.

With 20 editors present from almost all sections of the valley, the Willamette Valley Editorial association met at Albany.

William Piper, wealthy farmer, aged 95, one of the oldest pioneers of Umatilla county, died at his home near Helix.

The price of common labor, it is concluded, will be forced higher in the Coos bay section, for there is a scarcity of men.

This week is "Patriotic week" in the state of Oregon by virtue of a proclamation issued by Governor Withycombe.

More than 1250 have been raised among the merchants of Roseburg for the strawberry festival to be held there in May.

Very little wheat will be planted this spring in Douglas county, owing to the inclement weather during the early planting season.

Silver gray squirrels have suffered more than any other game animal in southern Oregon, according to Game Warden Thompson of Roseburg.

A meeting of fruitgrowers at which co-operative marketing and plans for the establishment of a cannery were discussed, was held in Albany Wednesday.

Total deposits in the 26 banks and trust companies of Portland equaled \$87,326,383.61 on March 5, 1917, according to Superintendent of Banks Sargent.

The Oregon Corn Show association has been organized in Eugene and steps have been taken to hold a corn exhibition in that city December 11, 12 and 13.

Curry county officials have refused to contribute \$50 a month toward paying a man to patrol the state line so that liquor could not be brought over the border.

Owing to disturbed conditions owing to the German crisis, all bridges on the O-W. R. & N. between Huntington and Portland are under double night and day guard.

Where two measures on an election ballot have conflicting provisions, the measure receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes prevails, according to an opinion.

Mrs. S. A. Skaggs, pioneer of Oregon, died at Medford. Mrs. Skaggs crossed the plains with her parents in 1848, and was one of the first settlers of Lane County.

The Coos bay country as a summer resort and fishing ground is to be given publicity in bulletins to be issued by the Southern Pacific company during the coming summer.

Application for a permit to build a storage reservoir on Bully creek has been received by the state engineer from the Willow-Alder Irrigation district of Vale, in Malheur county.

A class of those desiring to take examinations for the army officers' reserve corps has been organized at Salem with 33 members. It is expected the membership will increase to 40.

Plans for a greater Oregon City, through the consolidation of Oregon City, South Oregon City, Mount Pleasant, Canemah, Clackamas Heights, Gladstone and Jennings Lodge, have been announced.

Thirty-two thousand jackrabbits destroyed in a little more than a month is the record of which Malheur county boasts, according to the report recently issued by W. W. Howard, county

agricultural agent.

As the result of a quarrel over poisoning of a dog belonging to Ralph Knight, Alex Worthington of Canyonville is in a serious condition as a result of two knife wounds inflicted in his side by Knight.

Not since Civil war times has flour been so high in the Portland market as it is now. An advance of 20 cents a barrel announced by local millers put the wholesale quotation of family patents at \$8.60 a barrel.

The Northwest District convention of the Christian church will be held in Forest Grove March 29, 30 and 31.

The 11th annual meeting of the United Metal Trades association of the Pacific coast will be held in Seaside April 6 to 8, inclusive.

The ports of Siuslaw, Coos, Umpqua and Haddon will contribute financially to the campaign, the object of which is to put the Oregon and California grant lands on the tax rolls in the various counties of the state of Oregon.

Representatives of seven northwest colleges, the Multnomah amateur athletic club and a large number of high schools will participate in the first annual indoor relay carnival to be held at Eugene next Saturday evening.

The Hermiston postoffice safe was blown and about \$50 in cash, \$100 in stamps and a gold watch belonging to J. H. Williams, a former postmaster, taken. This is the third safe robbery in Umatilla County during the past month.

The state board of control has taken under advisement the selection of a committee of five to investigate the status of all dependent, delinquent and minor children in institutions, either public or private, of which the state has charge.

An argument against the \$6,000,000 road bond bill, which will be submitted to the voters at the special election in June, was filed by C. E. Spence, master of the state grange. The argument will cover three pages in the voters' pamphlet.

Frank Powers, of Madras, was discharged from a hospital at Portland as completely cured after having undergone treatment for rabies in its most violent form. Physicians say few recoveries in similar circumstances are recorded.

The Clackamas County Anglers' association has appealed to Master Fish Warden Shoemaker, of Portland, for the protection of the fish that have been planted in the Molalla and Clackamas rivers and Milk creek and Clear creek by the association.

Another Hyde-Benson case has been decided in favor of the state, Attorney General Brown receiving word from Circuit Judge Calkins, of Jackson county, that he has so disposed of the cause in that county, involving about 2300 acres of school land.

Three big areas of government land are to be opened to the public within the next two months at Klamath Falls. Two of these tracts are of land in the Klamath Indian reservation. The other is the land prepared by the government in the Tule lake reclamation project.

The Oregon Electric railway is preparing to rebuild the big trestles that form the approaches to the bridge across the Willamette at Wilsonville. The work will require 10,000,000 feet of timber. It is said the estimate made by the company's engineer shows the cost to be around \$65,000.

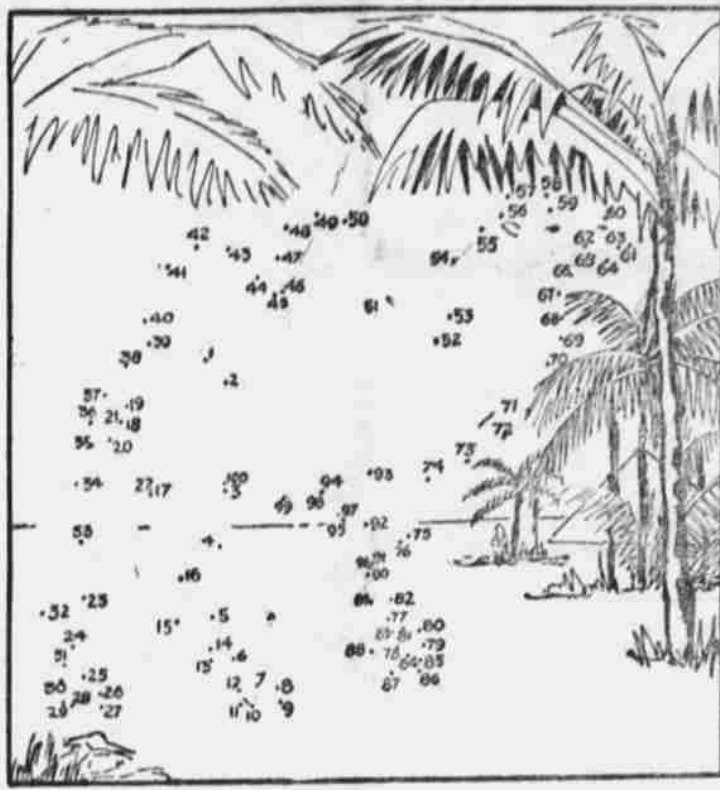
Four of the 282 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending March 22 were fatal. They were Harry Yost, Portland, killed in stove manufacturing operation; J. W. Strang, Powers, killed in logging operations; D. S. McMilligott, residence unknown, and J. M. Davidson, Modesto, Cal., both killed while trespassing on railroad property.

Importance of the great railroad bridges leading to Portland in the military transportation system of the country led to the calling out of the Eighth company, coast artillery, Oregon national guard, to serve as a guard over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle bridge over the Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., and the O-W. R. & N. bridge over the Willamette river in Portland.

Citizens in the vicinity of Agness have recently completed a wire suspension footbridge across Rogue river, which is one of the longest, if not the longest, bridge of the kind in the world. The main span of the bridge is 376 feet long, with an approach on the north side of the river of 225 feet. The whole bridge is built of fence wire, the bottom being three feet wide and the sides five feet, capable of sustaining a weight of 3000 pounds.

The state highway commission at a meeting in Portland laid down the following policy in connection with road work desired by the various

## Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 2



As you have found out already, you drew an elephant when you drew picture No. 1. All you young people no doubt have seen him at the circus or in the zoo when he is tame. When angry his great strength makes his keepers tremble for his lives. It is fascinating to watch this animal sweep up articles with his trunk. Now, here is another puzzle out. Start at 1 and let your pencil move to 2, 3, 4, 5, etc., and the picture of another well known object will be your reward.

counties: Whenever any county shall make application to the commission setting forth a desire to do construction work on post roads, forest roads or any other state highway within its limits, the commission will authorize a definite location survey establishing grades and alignments. The expense of such surveys will be paid for from state funds at the disposal of the commission.

Governor Withycombe has appointed the seven members who are to investigate the question of what state activities, consistently in the interests of efficiency and economy, be consolidated or eliminated to avoid duplication of work. It will report to the legislative assembly which meets in 1918. The members of the commission are: A. J. Johnson, Corvallis; T. J. Scroggins, La Grande; John H. Carlin, Medford; Austin T. Buxton, Forest Grove; Frank Patten, Astoria; Herman Van Borstel, Portland; Charles Rudeen, Portland.

### BRAND WHITLOCK



Photo by American Press Association. Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, who has been withdrawn and instructed to proceed to Havre, France.

## ORGANIZE SPOKANE REGIONAL FARM BANK

Spokane, Wash.—The six members of the Spokane regional farm loan bank organized here during the course of a long executive session, took oaths of office administered by United States Marshal McGovern, and learned with some dismay that a dozen sacks of mail awaited their first consideration.

Following the first adjournment of the directors' session President

O'Brien set at rest some misconceptions involved. "While the appointment of some appraisers to assist in our work will come shortly," he said, "the matter will be handled at Washington, D. C., and not by the board here. Also, the central bank here cannot loan directly to individuals; it must all be done through local associations. Our first effort will be to answer queries and give whatever aid we can to the activity that is now going on in the rural districts. We shall probably have appraisers on the road to help this out directly."

### BIG CROPS ARE URGED

Farmers Asked to Diversify Crops and Citizens to Plant Gardens. Washington—A statement urging that as a patriotic duty city residents transform their yards into gardens and farmers so diversify their crops as to make each section self-sustaining, was issued by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture. The great need in war time, Mr. Vrooman said, would be a surplus of wheat with which the nation could feed its allies. He also declared acreage of soy beans and cow peas should be increased to augment the resources for protein which in emergency could replace meat for human consumption. Two or three crops of some sort should be raised during the coming summer, he said, on every vacant square foot in the cities.

### Railroads' Want Higher Freight Rates

Washington—Preliminary proposals of virtually all railroads of the country for flat freight rate increases ranging between 15 and 24 per cent are being weighed by the interstate commerce commission, together with a multitude of protests against higher rates telegraphed by shippers, commercial organizations and allied interests. Another move planned by the railroads is to seek higher intrastate rates from every state authority or railroad commission in the country. Passenger rates would not be changed under the present action.

America First to Greet New Russia. Petrograd, via London.—The United States is the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Russia.

### THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Club \$1.65; bluestem \$1.73; red Russian, \$1.64; forty-fold, \$1.70. Barley—No. 1 Feed, \$40 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$21 per ton; alfalfa, \$27. Butter—Creamery, 37c. Eggs—Ranch, 27c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 40c; valley, 40c. Hops—1916 crop, 40c; 1917 contracts, nominal. Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem \$1.74; club \$1.69; forty-fold \$1.70; red Russian, \$1.67.

### BRIEF WAR NEWS

There has been a renewal of activity on the Russian front in the Vilna region.

Southwest of Kermanshah, Persia, the Russians have progressed to within 45 miles of the Mesopotamian border.

It is reported unofficially that Germany has notified Norway of the extension of the blockaded zone to the Arctic Ocean.

The French admiralty has announced the destruction by a torpedo in the Mediterranean of the battleship Danton, with a loss of 296 men.

The return of the German raider Moeve to German port, having on board about 600 sailors, the crews of captured merchantmen, is announced.

Activity has been resumed on the Roumanian frontier, where German troops have stormed the Russian positions between the Solomtar and Cebanov valleys and have taken 500 prisoners.

Notwithstanding stiffened resistance by the Germans before the Hindenburg line, British and French troops made progress on both sides of the Somme and Oise rivers in France.

Seven Americans are believed to have been lost when the American steamer Healdton was torpedoed by a submarine in the North Sea off the coast of Holland. The Healdton is said to have been well inside the so-called "safe channel" of these waters when she was attacked.

### Assert Violations of German Treaties.

Washington—Germany's "clear violations" of the treaties of 1793 and 1828 and her "disregard of the canons of international courtesy," were assigned by the United States as reasons for refusal to reaffirm or extend these agreements. The note of refusal to Germany transmitted through Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, was made public.

### Mexican Border Clear of Guardsmen.

San Antonio, Tex.—The Mexican border is now clear of all state troops.

### MICHAEL RODZIANKO



Photo by American Press Association.

Michael Rodzianko, President of the Russian Duma, who led the revolt which overthrew the Czar.

### America Supports Cuban Government

Havana.—A note from the American government to the Cuban government, reiterating the purpose of the United States to support the Cuban government in its efforts to re-establish order and condemning the conduct of the rebels, was delivered by William E. Gonzalez, the American minister.

### Germany to Seize Grain.

Berlin, via London.—The German government announces that all grains and legumes still in the hands of consumers above limited quantities will be seized for the benefit of the public.

### Italian War Economy.

In Rome and other Italian cities ladies are adopting the habit of going busless as a war economy. The example has been set by many aristocratic ladies, who take walks and automobile drives, and even make social calls, bareheaded.

### Effect of Cutting Diamond.

In the process of cutting about 60 per cent in weight of the rough stone is lost, and this, added to the cost of cutting and the rarity of these fine gems, partly accounts for the high cost of the finished diamond.

## PRELIMINARY DEFENSE MEASURES COMPLETED

### President and Advisers Prepare for Steps to Be Placed Before Congress.

Washington.—Having taken virtually every defense measure possible before the assembling of congress, President Wilson and his advisers in the executive branch of the government are concentrating their efforts to prepare for more sweeping steps for which congressional authority will be sought.

The details of the steps to be recommended are held in closest confidence, but officials let it be known that among the others a general military budget, co-ordinating many items of expense deemed imperative, will be laid before the house and senate when the extra session begins next Monday.

Aside from the business for which congress has been called, the question of organization is chiefly occupying the house leaders. Both democrats and republicans said that a speaker probably would be elected soon after the house assembled, but that the organization of the committees presented a problem the solution of which no one could forecast.

Congressional leaders are counting on having to deal with nothing but measures relating to the international crisis during the special session. Spokesmen for temperance and prohibition organizations have declared their intention of not pressing for action any anti-liquor legislation and although the federal woman suffrage amendment will be introduced, there appears to be little hope for it.

## NATIONAL GUARD IS ORDERED INTO SERVICE

Washington.—Twenty additional complete infantry regiments and five additional separate battalions of national guard troops have been ordered into the federal service for the protection of property in the event of possible internal disorders.

Nearly 15,000 men were added to the national guard force available for federal police duty by a war department order suspending the muster out of all guard organizations still in the federal service. With the men called out during the past few days, this gives the government upward of 50,000 guardsmen for employment in their home states to protect industries and other property.

The creation of the two new military departments was ordered as a means of dividing the immense responsibility now devolving upon the commander and staff of the eastern department.

National guard organizations will be assigned to guard industrial plants and other property, public or private, in their respective states, in case of war.

### WAR IS FAVORED

Prominent Socialists Repudiate Party Executives.

New York.—Several prominent socialists met here and, after protesting against the action of the party's executive committee in issuing a manifesto "purporting to express the party's position about the threatened war between the United States and Germany," passed resolutions indorsing President Wilson's course and pledging their support to his country.

Among those who subscribed to the resolutions were Charlotte Perkins Gilman, William English Walling, William L. Stoddard, Upton Sinclair, Charles Edward Russell, J. G. Phelps Stokes, Leryn Scott, Robert W. Bruero, Walter E. and Charlotte Kimball Kruesi and William Ghent.

### Damage is Widespread in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Tornadoes and windstorms which struck eight places in Indiana took a heavy toll of lives and did enormous damage to property. New Albany, where more than 30 lives were lost and where damage to business and residence property is estimated at \$1,000,000 was the heaviest sufferer. In Delaware, Hendricks, Sullivan, Grant, Harrison and Jackson counties wide stretches of territory were swept by the winds.

### Osage Orange Toughest Wood.

The toughest American wood, according to United States forest service tests, is that of the osage orange.