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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

A council of Coos Bay Indians was held at Marshfield.

Coos bay sawmills have raised the pay of all their men.

The Western Walnut Growers held a meeting at Eugene.

A company of 50 grade school lads is drilling at Hood River.

Scarcity of labor on the farms in south Polk county is becoming serious.

Delivery of the 1917 session laws has been started by Secretary of State Olcott.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association will be held at Pendleton July 13, 14 and 15.

L. V. Macken, of Monmouth, has been appointed agricultural adviser for Polk, Marion, Linn and Lincoln counties.

A cannery will be operated in Albany this summer by the recently organized Linn Benton Fruit association.

Contrary to earlier reports from the interior, stock in Lake county came through the winter in good condition, it is said.

Women will work side by side with men in the fields near Baker this season to help to offset the shortage of farmhands.

The broccoli season closed at Roseburg following the shipment of the eighty-fourth carload of the product to the Chicago markets.

The Bend Rifles, an unofficial military organization of Bend, has a membership of more than 50 men and a total of 100 is expected soon.

With delegates present from 25 parent-teacher circles, the Marion county Parent-Teacher association held an all day session in Salem.

The eighth annual convention of the Hood River valley Sunday School association will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Parkdale.

The public service commission has requested that Oswego take some action in bettering the conditions in connection with its water supply.

The state board of control let the contract for the north wing of the Oregon state hospital receiving ward to Parker & Banfield of Portland for \$50,644.

Work on the construction of four wooden ships at Florence on the Siuslaw river will commence at once, according to announcement made at Eugene.

Secretary of State Olcott has forwarded to the county clerks the election blanks and supplies provided by the state for holding the special election June 4.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association has been awarded a single contract to supply \$400,000 worth of canned turnips, carrots, squash, cabbage and green beans.

The twenty-eighth annual communication of the Oregon grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star, has been set for June 12, 13 and 14 and will be held in Portland.

Twenty-five thousand dollars is to be raised in a campaign by members of the Portland Y. M. C. A., so that the work of the association may be carried on in the army camps.

The executive committee of the Lane County Fair association has voted unanimously to retain horse racing as the entertainment feature of the fair to be held October 3, 4 and 5.

Jurors from Lake and Klamath counties, summoned at the federal term of court in Medford, have been excused from service that they might devote their time to planting and cultivating crops.

Seven law students who have enlisted in the army or are preparing to go to the military training camps have been admitted to the bar by the state supreme court within the last few weeks.

A limited quantity of sugar beet seed has been received by H. J. Overturn, manager of the Bend commercial club, which he will distribute to farmers willing to co-operate in experiments at Bend.

Fishermen operating out of Astoria are being paid 10 and 11 cents a pound for raw Chinook salmon, the highest price ever given for similar work in the history of fishing on the Columbia river.

Two hundred and sixty-six men on parole from the state penitentiary

earned \$11,134 for the month of May, or an average of \$42.48 a man, according to the report filed with Governor Withycombe by Parole Officer Keller.

The monthly report of the industrial accident commission for April shows the number of non-fatal accidents reported during the month was 1015, and, the number of fatal accidents seven. The total number of fatal accidents reported since the organization of the commission was 211 and of non-fatal accidents, 21,275.

War census marshals, one for each voting precinct in the state, will assist in the big task of organizing the state to take Oregon's war census. The whole election machinery of Oregon will be used for the census.

Congressman McArthur has made arrangements for conducting a competitive examination for the appointment of a midshipman and three alternates to the naval academy. The examination will be held in Portland June 1.

J. W. Brewer, manager of The Dalles chamber of commerce, has been appointed by President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college to take charge of the food survey in Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Hood River counties.

Governor Withycombe has telegraphed to R. N. Stanfield, representing the state council of defense at Washington, asking him to urge Secretary of War Baker that steps be taken to prohibit enlistments from the rural districts.

Roseburg automobile drivers are making arrangements to hold a race from Portland to Roseburg on the first day of the Roseburg carnival. Several prizes and a purse have been offered to make this one of the features of the festival.

Governor Withycombe has been advised by Attorney-General Brown that members of the third Oregon infantry who are in the state on Monday, June 4, will be allowed to vote on matters pertaining to state affairs to come up at the special election.

The Utah-Idaho Sugar company will agree to put up a factory in the Klamath Falls district next year if it can be demonstrated that beets can be grown in a commercially profitable way, and ground sufficient to produce 50,000 tons can be subscribed.

With labor scarce, appropriations materially decreased and demands for wages soaring, state institutions confront a decidedly serious situation, according to reports made to the state board of control by practically every one of the heads of such institutions.

Hundreds of deer have perished during the last winter in Umatilla and neighboring counties because of unusual weather, in the opinion of Fred Groom, forest ranger of Dale. He estimated that between 150 and 200 deer have died along the north fork of John Day river.

Oregon has been requested to take over the feeding of a district in Belgium known as the province of Brabant, which contains about 2800 dependent children. The rations these children are given cost about 3 cents a day, or \$1 a month. This means that Oregon must raise \$2800 a month.

Steps are on foot for the sale of 3800 acres of rich nitrate land on the boundary of Lake and Harney counties by the locators, J. Morton and L. M. Dunn, of Riley, it is said. The purchaser will in all probability be the National Nitrate company, and the price will run at least \$100,000, it is understood.

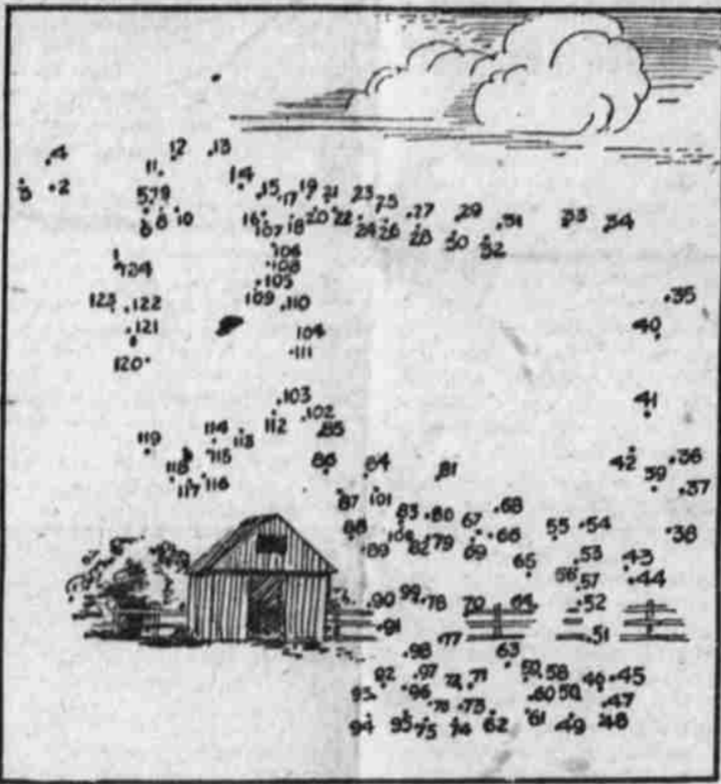
The Oregon State Poultry association, through its president, E. J. McClellan, of Eugene, has inaugurated a campaign to add 700,000 pounds to the state's meat supply, as a part of the movement to increase the meat supply of the nation 100,000,000 pounds by the late hatching of chicks and more extensive raising of poultry.

The state industrial accident commission received reports of 302 accidents during the week from April 27 to May 4, inclusive, two of these accidents being fatal. The fatal accidents were Steve Manigatos, lone, railroad operator, and Mrs. George Kennedy, Pendleton, who was killed in a collision between a locomotive and an automobile.

Dairymen and stock breeders in Coos and Curry counties have recently added valuable animals to their herds, and County Agriculturalist Smith says there is a general trend among dairymen since they have been observing the benefits of cow-testing associations for the past three years to cull their herds and better them by the addition of pure-bred stock.

Saturday, May 12, has been set aside as "agricultural defense day" in Oregon, and on that date every farmer is urged to attend a meeting which

Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 5



THAT was a funny looking animal you drew the last time, wasn't it, children? The giraffe is the tallest of the living animals. Probably you didn't think you'd ever finish drawing his neck. Why has he such a long neck, you ask? Because he is obliged to get his food from trees. He can't reach the topmost branches of many of the trees in Africa. By starting again at No. 1 and connecting with numbers 2, 3, 4, etc., your pencil will draw a queer looking beast.

will be held in his community to give and receive information of vital importance to the government regarding the food situation, and arrange to mobilize the available supply of farm labor, machinery, capital, seed, etc.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has asked all the superintendents and principals of city schools to co-operate with the Oregon Agricultural college in the enlistment of school boys in the labor reserve corps. Although the plan is to enlist boys immediately, they will not be released from school work until there is definite need for their services.

A forest fire observation post 10,000 feet above the sea will be a new feature of the fire-fighting department of the United States forest service in southern Oregon this year. Forest Supervisor Martin Erickson has announced that the government would establish three new observation towers, one on the peak of Mount McLoughlin, one on Rautler Peak and one on Windy Peak.

BRITISH REGAIN LOST GROUND

London.—Part of the ground lost in the vicinity of Fresnoy, on the Arras battlefield, was regained by the British, it is announced officially.

With massed reserves and every available gun at his command, the crown prince of Bavaria is striving to halt the ceaseless British assaults on the Brocourt-Queant line, the last bulwark protecting the richest prize of the Germans in northern France—the coal fields of Lens.

The reckless expenditure of human life by the German commander has had at least a temporary reward in the recapture of Fresnoy, at the northern end of the line.

Its capture marks the first time in the present offensive that a German counter attack has succeeded in wresting an important position from the British.

RAILWAY MEN WILL HELP

Nine Regiments to Be Recruited to Construct Lines in France.

Washington.—Arrangements were made to recruit between 11,000 and 12,000 expert railway men for nine new volunteer regiments of army engineers to be sent to France "at the earliest possible moment" to repair and build railroad lines needed urgently in the big push against the German line. Volunteers will be received by the regular army and national guard recruiting agencies in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Pittsburg, Detroit, Atlanta, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

Great American Merchant Fleet Plan.

Washington.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for the building of the great American merchant fleet which is to overcome

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Northwest of Rheims French troops took the first German line on a front of about two and a half miles, capturing 600 prisoners in the operation.

On the eastern end of the Vaucleurs plateau, the village of Craonne was captured by the French, as well as several points of support east and north of Craonne.

Germany is pouring fresh divisions into desperate fighting along all the Soissons-Rheims front in a determined attempt to stop the French advance and retake positions lost in General Nivelle's recent drives.

The British have pushed their way well within the town of Bullecourt, after desperate hand to hand fighting. The town lies absolutely astride the Hindenburg line, the front trench and two systems of support trenches all being within the village limits.

Way for the flanking of the Laon pivot of the German Hindenburg line is open to the French. If General Nivelle can turn the trick and outflank the Germans by the capture of Laon in the immediate future, military strategists believe the retirement of the Germans to the frontier line will be necessary.

Gompers Appeals to Russian Masses

Washington.—A plea against a premature peace for Russia and renewed assurances that American wage-earners and the American people are in hearty sympathy with the Russian democratic movement are included in a long cablegram sent by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, to the executive committee of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates at Petrograd.

French Mission's Train is Derailed

Arcoia, Ill.—Members of the French mission to the United States were severely shaken up but otherwise uninjured when the special train aboard which they were returning east from their middle-western tour was derailed near here.

Delegates Sustain Government

Petrograd, via London.—The council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates has passed a vote of confidence in the government by a majority of 35. The number of delegates voting was 2500.

Three-Year War is Expected

Cleveland.—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, who was here on personal business, indicated that the war department is making preparations for a three-year war at least.

May Wheat Reaches \$3.

Chicago.—May wheat sold at \$3 a bushel, the highest price on record. It was an advance of 17 cents. The close was at \$2.97.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$2.70; bluestem \$2.75; red Russian, \$2.68; forty-fold, \$2.72.

Barley—No. 1 Feed, \$52.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$30 per ton; alfalfa, \$25.

Butter—Creamery, 33c.

Eggs—Ranch—32c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 50c; valley, 50c.

Mohair—50c per lb.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$2.75; club \$2.71; forty-fold, \$2.71; red Russian, \$2.69; fifty, \$2.71; turkey red, \$2.76.

Barley—\$54 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 33c.

Eggs—37c.

Control of Price of Wheat Planned

Ottawa, Ont.—Announcement was made in parliament by Sir Thomas White, the minister of finance, that plans are under way for joint action by Canada and the United States to reduce the price of wheat.

Manila Shows Loyalty

Manila.—A great parade of the Filipinos of Manila was held here Saturday as a demonstration and pledge of their allegiance to the United States.

About Deep Breathing

Many people act on the principle that because deep breathing causes dizziness it does not agree with them. But if they will practice the breathing less vigorously they will find that gradually they can take all the deep breaths they want without the slightest discomfort. Take ten breaths in ten seconds and gradually decrease the number of inhalations.

Happy Thought.

A woman thief recently captured says she never robbed a friend. Perhaps all her friends are poor.

REGISTRATION FOR DRAFT IS OUTLINED

Work Will Be Under Direction of Civil Authorities of the States.

Washington.—An official outline of the method by which military registration is to be carried out under the selective conscription bill was made public with an appeal from the war department for the voluntary services of state election and other officials, in order that there may be no delay in enrolling and classifying millions of men for army duty.

Careful preparation has been made to place the whole task in the hands of civilian officials of the states and to remove every suggestion of military force in putting the measure into effect. The only function of the federal government will be supervision through the office of the provost marshal-general. The department said in part:

"There was a time in the country's history when military enumerators, backed by bayonets, went out among the people to take a compulsory service census. Today, under the principle of universal liability to service, the execution of the law is put into the hands of the people.

"The approval of the new national army bill and the president's proclamation thereunder will be coincidental. All persons within the age limits prescribed will be required to present themselves for registration at the customary voting place in the voting precincts in which they have their permanent homes on a day which the president will announce.

"The governor of each state will be the chief of registration therein. The machinery of registration in each county is to be in charge of the sheriff, the county clerk and the county physician, acting ex-officio, unless a different board shall be announced by the governor. In cities containing populations of more than 20,000 the registration will be under the control of the mayor and selected boards of registration.

"Persons absent from their home counties may be registered by mail. If so absent, a man should go to the clerk of the county where he may be staying on the sixth day after the date of the president's proclamation.

"Persons too sick to present themselves for registration must send a competent person to the county or city clerk on the sixth day after the issuing of the proclamation. The clerk will give instructions for registration."

U. S. PLANS FOR FIRST BIG ARMY

Washington.—The full strength of the first war army organized under the selective draft bill will be 18,538 officers and 528,659 enlisted men, making up 18 war strength divisions complete in every arm and supplemented by 16 regiments of heavy field artillery, equipped with large caliber howitzers.

In preparation for the enormous task of training this great army, the existing regular establishment and the national guard are being brought to full war strength, giving a total regular and national guard force to be whipped into shape before the new army is called of 21,080 officers and 622,954 men.

From this force will be formed 15 divisions corresponding to the organization of the first new army. From it also, early in September, will be drawn some 200,000 officers and non-commissioned officers who will constitute the framework on which the new army will be shaped.

GOVERNMENT TO BE AGENT

Washington Replaces Wall Street, as Financial Capital of World.

New York.—Washington has replaced Wall street as the world's financial center. Federal reserve banks have taken charge of floating the \$2,000,000,000 "liberty loan" in New York. J. P. Morgan will no longer act as British government financial representative in America. The United States government succeeds him, both as purchasing agent in this country and as controller of allied loans on this side of the Atlantic.

Thus, for the first time in history, Washington becomes the money hub of the earth, as well as the world war capital.