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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

A bumper fruit crop all over Lane county is looked for this year.

Portland is to contribute an ambulance company for service in France.

The biggest bean acreage in the history of Polk county is being planted this year.

R. F. Shull, a young rancher living near Myrtle Point, was killed by a falling tree.

The Lincoln county fair board has set the dates for the county fair for September 18, 19 and 20.

Deposits in Portland's 25 banks and trust companies have increased \$14,000,000 since a year ago.

Eastern Oregon farmers are working every day and part of every night to get their spring planting done.

The past week has seen several mad dogs in Lakeview, and it is feared that an epidemic is about to break out.

Construction of the last wing of the receiving ward of the Oregon state hospital at Salem is well under way.

Clay Burns, an Indian boy aged 14, was found dead in the woods near Eugene, with a bullet hole in the body.

The ninth annual commonwealth conference closed a three-day session at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Troop D, second squadron, Oregon national guard, sixteenth divisional cavalry, will be organized in Pendleton.

United States Senator Harry Lane, of Portland, is ill at a San Francisco hospital, and is reported to be very low.

Marion County grade and high schools held their annual festival and track and field meet in Salem Saturday.

The Oregon grand lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows held its annual meeting in Eugene, beginning Monday.

A three-day convention of the Eastern Oregon division of the State Sunday School association was held at Pendleton.

Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the state gathered at Roseburg to attend the Oregon State Sunday School convention.

Charles V. Galloway was appointed tax commissioner by the state tax commission, under the law passed by the recent legislature.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Eugene District Epworth league of the Methodist church held a three-day session at Albany.

Erastus Jones, 56 years old, committed suicide at his home in Eugene by hanging himself with a strap in the cowbarn back of his house.

"Registration day" in Oregon, under the army bill, will be declared a legal holiday, according to an announcement made by Governor Withycombe.

D. M. McLenore, a California stockman, has just shipped in 1300 head of cattle from southern California points to feed on the Klamath ranges.

The first loan to be made by the land bank of Spokane in the state of Oregon will be made to the association organized by farmers near Molalla.

Delegates from Oregon and Washington towns met in Monmouth at attend the 34th annual session of the Oregon conference of the Evangelical association.

Approximately \$302,086.33 of the appropriations of 1915-16, it is estimated by Secretary of State Olcott, remains unexpended, and will revert to the treasury.

The central Oregon track meet and field day was held at Bond Saturday, at which high school athletes from Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties competed.

More than 2000 people of Medford and Jackson county joined at Medford in the largest and most enthusiastic patriotic demonstration ever seen in southern Oregon.

The fifth annual Buyers' Week date has been set. The event marking the fifth anniversary of the merchants' conclave will be held during the week of August 6-11 at Portland.

Midnight Sunday night all legislation passed by the recent legislature, save bills carrying an emergency clause, or referred to a vote of the electorate, became effective.

The first strawberries in Douglas county, and perhaps the first native grown in Oregon, were brought to Roseburg by J. J. Betts, who was awarded a prize of \$1 for the box.

For the purpose of stocking small farms in New York, Fred F. Thomas

of Albany, N. Y., has purchased 10,000 head of yearling ewes of Dan P. Smythe, prominent Pendleton sheepman.

Orders to recruit all units of the Oregon national guard to full war strength immediately, by direction of the Secretary of War, were received by George A. White, adjutant-general of the Oregon national guard, from Brigadier-General Mann, chief of the bureau of militia affairs at Washington.

Major Elliott J. Dent, United States engineers corps, at Portland, is transferred to Seattle and will be succeeded by Colonel George A. Zinn, now commanding the Oregon national guard, from Brigadier-General Mann, chief of the bureau of militia affairs at Washington.

Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the state industrial welfare commission, which administers the women's minimum wage law, has tendered his resignation to Governor Withycombe, effective June 1.

Out of 325 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week from May 11 to 17, inclusive, but one was fatal, the fatally injured workman being Joseph Gordon, a logging employe, of Gravel Ford.

E. B. MacNaughton, an architect of Portland, was named by Governor Withycombe as a member of the industrial welfare commission to succeed Father E. V. O'Hara of Portland, who has submitted his resignation.

Bids for contracts for paving the Skiskiyou highway from the summit of the mountain to the California line are being advertised for. Work is to be started immediately and finished this summer if the money holds out.

One of the most important mining deals in the history of southern Oregon was closed with the giving of a bond on the 29 claims comprising the Greyback copper mine on Greyback mountain, about 12 miles east of Selma.

With the business streets of the city gaily decorated with carnival colors and patriotic emblems, the citizens of Roseburg entertained several thousand people at the festivities attendant on the celebration of the ninth annual strawberry festival.

So great is the demand this year for canned fruits and vegetables that the Eugene Fruit Growers' association has leased the cannery at Creswell and will operate it as an auxiliary to the large plant in Eugene and the smaller one at Junction City this year.

The entire extension division of the University of Oregon has been turned over to the Red Cross and will be used by the government relief agency as an organization and information center for all war activities in the state of Oregon for the duration of the war.

The food survey campaign being conducted in Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties by the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college, under the direction of the United States department of agriculture, is progressing rapidly.

The government, in an endeavor to get as much land as possible under cultivation within the Klamath and Umatilla irrigation projects, has come forward with an offer to landowners within these projects to supply water at actual cost under a three-year lease.

Special premiums will be offered in the sheep department of the state fair by the American Shropshire Registry association, the American Hampshire Sheep association, the American Oxford Down Record association and the American Cotswold Registry association.

The referendum petition directed against the Gill bill of the last legislative session was filed with Secretary of State Olcott by the Clackamas Fishermen's union. The petition contains 14,160 names. The Gill bill would close the Willamette river between Oregon City and Oswego to commercial fishing.

J. M. Bristow, probably Lane county's oldest native son and one of the first white children born in Oregon, died at his home on the farm near Eugene where he was born 68 years ago. He was a son of A. K. Bristow, who headed one of the early immigrant trains and who settled on this farm in 1848.

Every unmarried man between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, who lives in Port Orford, Curry county, the westernmost town of the United States, already has volunteered for service in either the army or the navy branch. The volunteers from the little town of 350 people number one-third of the adult male population.

Contracts have been virtually closed by the United States shipping board for the construction of 12 wooden cargo steamers in Oregon yards at a cost of approximately \$6,000,000. Six will be built by the Peninsula Shipbuilding company, of Portland; four by the

## Twenty-Fifth Annual REUNION Oregon Pioneers of Umatilla County Weston, Oregon June 8-9, 1917

Usual attractions. COME

GEO. D. PEEBLER, President

S. A. BARNES, Secretary

Cost shipping building company, of Oregon land, and two by the C. A. Smith Lumber company, of North Bend.

William Riggan, aged 37 years, convict at Salem, serving time for larceny in Yamhill county, and now in the county jail at Hillsboro for investigation of another case, made a voluntary confession, claiming that he killed William Booth near Willamina, October 8, 1915. Mrs. Booth, wife of the murdered man, and William Branson are now serving time in the state prison for the Booth murder.

Three members of the state land board, created by chapter 397, laws of 1917, have been appointed by the governor, as follows: Benton Bowers, Ashland, recommended by the taxpayers league; B. G. Leedy, Corvallis, recommended by the Farmers union; John Shimaneck, Crabtree, recommended by the Farmers union. The warden of the state penitentiary is an ex-officio member of the board and these four will select the fifth member.

Senator Lane Given Up By Physicians  
San Francisco.—Physicians attending United States Senator Harry Lane of Portland, Or., stated he could not recover. Senator Lane suffered a nervous breakdown in Washington and arrived here last week. A blood clot on the brain is said by physicians to have caused nervous deterioration.

Irish Frame Constitution.  
London.—It was announced by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons that the Government proposed to summon immediately a convention of representative Irishmen in Ireland to submit to the British parliament a constitution for the future government of Ireland.

Uncle Sam Has No Seed.  
Washington.—No seed for free distribution nor for sale is at the disposal of the United States department of agriculture.

### THE MARKETS.

Portland.  
Wheat—Club \$2.56; bluestem \$2.72; red Russian, \$2.63; forty-fold, \$2.67; Barley—No. 1 Feed, \$49.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$32 per ton; alfalfa, \$25.  
Butter—Creamery, 36c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 32c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 50c; valley, 55c.  
Mohair—65¢ per lb.

Seattle.  
Wheat—Bluestem \$2.72; club \$2.65; forty-fold, \$2.66; red Russian, \$2.63.

### EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

North of Gorizia the Italians have captured the heights of Hill 662, the key to the Vodice position.

That seven million men have been killed in the war thus far and the total casualties exceed 45,000,000, is the estimate made by Arthur Henderson, member of the British war council.

British heavy artillery, whose destructive effectiveness made possible successful Somme and Arras offensives, is co-operating with Italians in their latest attempt to drive the Austrians from the line of the Isonzo.

Spain is awaiting a reply to her protest over the sinking of the Spanish steamer *Patricio*, also destroyed while sailing under a German guarantee, and the tone of the Spanish press is increasingly peremptory in its demand that Germany be compelled to respect Spanish rights.

The second phase of the great battles of Arras, the Aisne and Champagne has ended in the failure of the costly German efforts to stem the tide of victory now setting against them. The net result of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's supreme effort to regain the initiative has been that the British and French have tightened their grip on the German line and have placed in peril the key positions held by the Germans in northern France.

### County Ordered to Hold Election.

Salem, Or.—The Bean Oregon & California land grant bill will not be on the ballot at the special election June 4, and Curry county must hold the election along with the rest of the counties of the state, the supreme court decided.

### Scores of Blocks Burn in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga.—Fire that started in an obscure negro section swept a broad path through the residential section of Atlanta, devastating scores of blocks and destroying many of the city's finest homes and hundreds of negro houses.

### Engineers to Form at American Lake.

San Francisco.—The Eighth Reserve Engineer regiment, now organizing on the Pacific coast, will mobilize at American Lake, near Tacoma, Wash., about June 1, it was announced here.

### Brazil May Join U. S. in War.

Rio de Janeiro.—President Bras has sent a message to congress recommending the ratification of the decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany.

### MARINES TO GO TO FRANCE

Men Who Have Seen Service in the West Indies to Be Sent

Washington.—A regiment of marines, about 2600 men, under command of Colonel Charles A. Doyen of the Washington barracks, will accompany the first American army expedition to France.

The regiment will be composed principally of organizations which have recently seen active service in Haiti, Santo Domingo and Cuba, according to official announcement from the navy department.

They will be armed, equipped and organized similar to the army with which they will serve.

Colonel Doyen will be under command of Major-General Pershing and the marines with him will serve as soldiers in the trenches of France.

### American Nurses Killed by Gunners.

New York.—Two American nurses, members of an ambulance unit on its way for service in France, were killed on board an American steamer when pieces of a shell fired by a naval gun crew in practice ricocheted from the water's surface and scattered among a group of nurses and surgeons. A third nurse was seriously wounded. The two nurses killed were Edith Ayers and Helen Burt at Woods, both of Chicago.

### U-Boat Problem Solved, Says Maxim.

New York.—Hudson Maxim announced that he had invented and perfected a device which will make ships immune from the dangers of the submarine. He said that torpedoes, even when fired at close range and striking their targets, would explode harmlessly against the hulls of their intended victims.

### 1917 Wheat Harvest Begun.

Chicago.—In Texas, near Fort Worth Tuesday, an American reaper began to burn the first notes of the world's greatest agricultural symphony—the harvest of the 1917 American wheat crop.

## DIVISION IS ORDERED TO FRONT IN FRANCE

### General Pershing to Command Force of 40,000 Regulars to Go Abroad.

Washington.—President Wilson has ordered that a division of regular troops, commanded by Major-General John J. Pershing, be sent to France at the earliest practicable date.

Announcement of the order followed signing of the selective draft war army bill by the president and the issuing of a statement that under advice of military experts on both sides of the water, the president said he could not employ volunteers nor avail himself of the "fine vigor and enthusiasm" of ex-President Roosevelt for the expedition.

All three arms of America's fighting forces—the army, navy and marine corps—soon will be represented in the war zone.

With American destroyers already in European waters and army regulars concentrating to carry the flag to the battle lines in Belgium and France, a regiment of marines was designated to join the expeditionary force and round out the nation's representation in the field.

Although details are not being made public, it was calculated that with the marine regiment the total American force now designated for land service in Europe is close to 40,000.

General Pershing and his staff will sail for Europe ahead of the troops to pave the way for final training of the huge army the United States is preparing to pour across the seas as rapidly as men can be trained and equipped.

## JUNE 5 NAMED AS WAR CENSUS DATE

Washington.—When President Wilson signed the war army bill a proclamation was issued which calls upon all men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, to register for military service on June 5.

Registration will be followed by the process of selection which will determine the first 500,000 men to be called to the colors about September 1.

The regulations make absolutely no exceptions for any male resident of the United States between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive.

This includes aliens as well as Americans. Every Japanese, Chinaman, Mexican, Italian, Spaniard, Englishman, German, and men of every other nationality who are of the designated ages must register. Aliens will not be drafted for war duty, of course, but a complete record of them will be required.

Those exempt from military service will be determined after the enrollment is taken, but first of all everyone of the specified ages must register.

In case of temporary absence from his legal residence, a man must register by mail.

Hours of registration will be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., June 5, 1917, at the registration place in their home precincts.

Those who are too ill to register are required to apply for instructions before June 5 as to how they may register by agents.

## ARMY-NAVY BILL IS PASSED

Appropriates \$3,342,000,000 Including \$750,000,000 for Ship Construction.

Washington.—The senate passed the \$3,342,000,000 army and navy war budget without a rollcall and without a dissenting vote.

The bill carries appropriations totaling \$315,000,000 more than those contained in the house bill. The chief new item is an appropriation of \$400,000,000 made immediately available to the president for ship building, with an additional authorized expenditure of \$350,000,000 for the same purpose—a total of \$750,000,000 for shipping.

The measure is the largest appropriation bill ever passed by any legislative body in the history of the world. It carries more money than the entire cost of the Civil war.

### Lines to Be Remembered.

As good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; he who destroys a good book kills reason itself.—Milton.