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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Morrow county's prospects for the wheat crop are excellent.

Marion county has 1058 school children who are members of industrial clubs.

The city of Hubbard is constructing a water system and will pave the main streets.

Oregon is expected to produce at least 60,000 individual subscribers to the liberty loan.

Western Oregon traveling men held their annual picnic at Cottage Grove with about 150 present.

Fully 1000 people attended the annual Jackson county school picnic and field meet at Applegate.

Despite war conditions, early tourist travel indicates a heavy invasion of Oregon by tourists this year.

Continued rains, which are still keeping up, are making serious conditions for the Coos county ranchers.

The ministers of the state are urged to observe Sunday, June 3, as "prison day," in a proclamation issued by the governor.

Pendleton claims the distinction of having more automobiles in proportion to population than any city in the state.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, June 5, which is war census day, to be a legal holiday.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, Linn county will have this year by far the biggest acreage of beans and potatoes in its history.

Brown rot is prevalent in the prune orchards of Lane county, as a result of the wet, cold spring, and threatens serious damage to the crop.

The University of Oregon Woman's league has pledged its 400 members to return to school next fall with the same dresses they now have.

Jacob Wiscarson, a member of a Canadian regiment and a son of Mrs. Mary Wiscarson, living near Eugene, was killed in battle in France May 11.

County Agriculturist Jay L. Smith has finished compiling the agricultural survey of Coos county. It has 18,000 acres in crops, out of a total of 103,000 acres.

During the past week not a single fatal accident was reported to the state industrial accident commission. There were 351 non-fatal accidents reported.

Curry county sheep raisers in the region of Flores creek are being forced to abandon this line of agricultural pursuit, owing to the advent of coyotes.

Plans have been formulated for the annual strawberry festival at Lebanon and the dates were set for June 14 and 15, by which time an abundance of strawberries is expected.

Japanese strawberry growers of the Hood river valley, numbering approximately 200, will aid the local Red Cross chapter with a donation each of a crate of extra fancy fruit.

A probable plot to dynamite the mill of the Oregon Lumber company at Baker failed by the discovery of a quantity of dynamite, caps and fuse hidden by a fence 25 feet from the mill.

That Portland will be represented in Europe by a complete unit of 20 ambulances in the American ambulance field service seems certain. Already 14 ambulances have been subscribed.

Mrs. C. H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, has been unanimously elected chairman of the Oregon division of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense.

As a result of the food preparedness campaign in Hood river county, the first steam power threshing machine will be operated this season to harvest the largest crop of grain ever seeded in the valley.

Under an opinion by Attorney-General Brown it is held that the amount of the federal inheritance tax is not to be deducted from the appraised valuation of estates to arrive at the amount of the state tax.

Stockmen from various sections of Douglas county report that many horses have become affected with what is known as "pink eye" and that in some instances the animals are in a serious condition.

Adam Garren, 37 years old, of Hubbard, a private in Company I, Third Oregon infantry, is in a serious condition as the result of being thrown

from the trestle at Graves creek, near Leland, by a stranger whom he had accosted and was escorting off the railroad bridge.

The decision of Herbert Hoover, government food administrator, and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, placing apples on the list of food necessities, and assuring the fruit districts that cars would be supplied as soon as the crop is ready for market, saved to the Hood river valley fully \$1,500,000 this season. Growers are jubilant on account of the decision.

Bids for the construction of a library building on the Oregon Agricultural college campus were opened by a committee of the board of regents and the contract was awarded to Snook & Traver, of Salem, at \$33,300.

The Sherman county school field meet and declamatory contest at Wasco attracted over 1000 persons from the different districts of the county. The Moro school won both first and second place in athletics and in the declamatory contest.

The public service commission has ordered a reduction in the light and power rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. On the company's present volume of business the reductions will amount to approximately \$50,000 to \$65,000 a year.

That students may be permitted to remain in the fields to harvest crops, and that the faculty may have a longer time to further the food preparedness campaign, the Oregon Agricultural college will not open for next year's work until October 8, three weeks later than the regularly scheduled date.

C. E. Coe, superintendent of the Roseburg Indian agency, has announced that a sale of Indian allotments would be held on June 19. The tracts to be sold are situated in northern California, southern Oregon and in Harney valley. Much of the land is said to be well adapted to agricultural purposes.

At a meeting of Sarah Childress Polk chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Dallas, a resolution was adopted favoring the erection of a monument on the site of the first court house in Polk county. It was located somewhere in North Dallas and a suitable marker for the spot will be secured.

Peter Zollner placed 12 sticks of dynamite under his brother's motion picture theatre at Mt. Angel and blew the side of the building out, besides breaking many windows in the neighborhood. Zollner declares he did it for revenge on his brother George, with whom he has had trouble over family property rights.

Dissatisfaction which has arisen among some employees of state institutions because they allege that other employees doing the same work as themselves in other institutions are receiving higher wages, is presenting a problem to institution heads, who probably will ask that the state board of control standardize all wages at the various institutions.

That Kendall Bros., of Pittsburgh, Pa., have abandoned all hope of constructing a railroad from Roseburg to their timber holdings in Douglas county in the near future was attested when Judge Hamilton at Roseburg was asked to dismiss all of the condemnation suits brought in the name of the city of Roseburg against owners of land situated along the proposed route of the line.

A number of timber cruisers have arrived in Roseburg and have begun preparations for resuming the cruising of the O. & C. grant lands in Douglas county. The work had extended as far as a portion of the county last fall, when the winter weather set in and the funds for the cruising were exhausted. All that portion of the lands in the southern part of the state are already classified.

In telegrams to President Wilson, members of congress and to the public service commissions, of Washington, Idaho, California and Nevada, the public service commission of Oregon is urging the appointment of Clyde B. Aitchison as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Aitchison formerly was chairman of the Oregon commission and now is solicitor for the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

While realizing the gravity of the problem created by the shortage of farm labor, Secretary of War Baker, in response to a telegram from Governor Withycombe asking that enlistment in the rural districts be discouraged or discontinued, has written the executive that he, as secretary of war, has no right to discourage enlistment "in the face of an act of congress which attempts to create a very large

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

part of our army by this process.

The material is now being assembled at Astoria by Contractor C. L. Houston for the construction of 64 reinforced concrete storage bins for bulk wheat, which are to be erected in connection with the port of Astoria's bulk grain elevator. The entire plant, which will have a storage capacity for 1,000,000 bushels of bulk grain, will represent an expenditure of \$319,000. In addition to the elevator and bins, the port warehouse has a capacity for storing 2,000,000 bushels of sacked grain.

Agricultural land included in the Oregon & California land grant area may be made available for settlement as soon as the tax lien can be removed by the payment of back taxes by the government to the various counties in the state in which the lands are located, according to a letter received in Eugene from the department of the interior. The payment of the back taxes is being delayed pending the disposition of legal questions which have been referred to the department of justice.

SENATOR LANE AT REST

Senator Chamberlain Heads Congressional Party Attending Funeral.

Portland.—Federal, state and city officials paid honor to the late Harry Lane, United States senator from Oregon, Tuesday afternoon, when the funeral rites were conducted at the Masonic Temple.

The committee of United States senators and representatives appointed to represent the federal government at the funeral included Senators George E. Chamberlain, Ashurst, King, Thompson, Gronna, Norris and Kendrick, and Representatives Johnson and Dill, of Washington; Mays, Walsh, Kincheloe, Barkeley, Baker and McClintock.

As Senator Lane was widely known and highly esteemed by the people of Portland, where he served as mayor, and throughout the state in which he passed the 62 years of his life, the funeral was largely attended.

German Republic Aim of Organization

New York.—Germans here, have formed an organization called the "Friends of the German Republic," whose object is the dethronement of Kaiser William and the establishment of a republic. The organization is said to be nation-wide in scope, has headquarters and has issued an appeal to Germans to help in its propaganda.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed in the Mediterranean with the loss of 413 persons.

General Cadorna's brilliant offensive continues unchecked, each day finding the Italian line projecting a little farther down the Carso plateau toward Trieste.

A total of 22,419 Germans and Austrians were taken prisoners by Italian troops during their advance along the Julian front between May 14 and May 25, according to official figures.

French forces have occupied most of the Chevreux wood, east of Craonne, after inflicting heavy losses on the Germans and taking 30 prisoners. Two German battalions were almost annihilated by the French.

Germany's submarine campaign apparently is still falling far short of German expectations. The report of the British admiralty on tonnage sunk last week shows that 18 merchantmen of more than 1600 tons and nine of less tonnage were sent to the bottom. This is far below the million tons a month expected by Germany.

Balance of Trade Favors Japan.

Washington.—Normal trade movements resulting from an enormously expanding export trade was the explanation given at the Japanese embassy for the large withdrawal of gold from America within the last few months.

Filipinos to Raise One Army Division.

San Francisco.—Filipinos are to raise an entire army division for service with the armies of the United States in the European war, according to Brigadier-General Herman Hall, chief of the Philippine constabulary.

Race Riot in East St. Louis.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Three white men and three negroes were wounded in a riot that started after a meeting to protest against the wholesale importation of negro laborers. Six companies of Illinois National Guardsmen patrolled the streets.

Anti-War Stickers Spread About City.

Portland.—Under cover of darkness, alleged agents of the Seattle Non-Conscription League invaded Portland and plastered the city with stickers urging men to resist conscription.

Get Out and Exercise.
The most afflictions especially those vital processes are too

Sims to Be Vice-Admiral.
Washington.—President Wilson soon will nominate Rear-Admiral Sims to a vice-admiral in view of his position as commander of American naval forces co-operating with the allies in European waters.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$2.45; bluestem \$2.47; red Russian, \$2.43; forty-fold, \$2.45.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$45 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$32 per ton; alfalfa, \$23.
Butter—Creamery, 35c.
Eggs—Ranch, 33c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 50c; valley, 50c.
Mohair—55¢@51c per lb.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$2.54; club \$2.49; forty-fold, \$2.50; red Russian, \$2.47; flie, \$2.49; turkey red, \$2.54.
Barley—\$46 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 38c.
Eggs—27c.

ITALIAN TROOPS ARE CLOSE TO TRIESTE

General Cadorna Within Few Miles of Austria's Queen City on the Adriatic.

Rome.—Italy's mountain-climbing fighters are within a few miles of Trieste, Austria's queen city of the Adriatic. The Italians have fought their way forward to within two miles of Duino, the most formidable natural barrier between them and Trieste. Vienna refuses to concede the Italian victories, but the map tells the story of General Cadorna's steady advance.

Duino, at the gates of which the Italian guns are now hammering, marks a point at which the Carso plateau almost touches the sea. Protected by the ocean on the one side, it is powerfully defended to the north by Mount Querceto, a height of considerable magnitude, which dominates the country for many miles around.

At the foot of Mount Querceto, facing west, lies the little town of Medeazza and the Italians have smashed their way to within a few hundred yards of this village. It is possible that a lull will occur before they attempt the formidable task of storming Mount Querceto.

Italy has proved her supremacy in the air also during extensive raiding operations of the past few days.

Trieste is most directly menaced. In the Adriatic there is a formidable fleet of British and Italian ships, whose bombardment has done havoc to various Austrian coast defenses. With the Italian army itself are ten units of British field artillery.

76 KILLED IN AIR RAID ON ENGLAND

London.—German airships, to the number of about 16, raided southeast England and according to an official statement 76 persons were killed and 174 persons wounded. Of the killed 27 were women and 23 were children, while 43 women and 19 children were injured.

Nearly all the damage occurred in one town, where some bombs fell in the streets, causing considerable casualties among the civilian population.

The worst damage done was from a group of bombs which struck the business thoroughfare thronged with people. At one spot here 16 women, eight men and nine children were killed and 43 persons were injured.

As soon as the raiders had dropped their bombs they turned homeward. British and French airplanes met the Germans on the way, and spirited air fighting occurred with the result that three of the raiders were shot down.

LABOR LEADERS ARRESTED

Seattle City Employee Declared Responsible for Attacks on Registration.

Seattle, Wash.—Hulet M. Wells, ex-president of the Seattle Central Labor Council, and Sam Sadler, formerly connected with the Longshoremen's union, were arrested by a representative of the United States secret service, charged with having participated in the circulation of alleged seditious literature, consisting of anti-draft circulars distributed throughout Seattle the past fortnight.

SENATORS CUT OUT GROSS SALES TAX

Surtax is Also Rejected, But Other Levies Will Be Substituted.

Washington.—Proposals for a 5 per cent tax on manufacturers' gross sales in many industries and for greatly increased sur-taxes on big incomes were stricken out of the war revenue bill by the senate finance committee, cutting down by many millions the total revenue provided for as the measure passed the house.

The senate finance committee decided to strike out the whole section levying \$200,000,000 by a general tariff increase of 10 per cent on an ad valorem basis.

As a substitute the committee proposed direct excise, or consumption taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa.

The administration's food survey bill, first of the food-control measures, was passed by the house without a record vote. It appropriates \$14,770,000 for an immediate investigation of the country's food resources and for measures to stimulate production.

The war revenue bill, framed to bring into the treasury \$1,800,000,000 through new taxation during the coming year, passed the house by a vote of 329 to 76 in almost the same form that it was presented by the ways and means committee.

Outstanding features of the house bill are the greatly increased income, inheritance, excess profits, liquor, cigar and tobacco taxes, virtual abolition of the present customs free list and a 10 per cent addition to existing tariffs, new taxes on manufacturers, amusements, clubs, public utilities and insurance, a far-reaching stamp tax and a greatly increased second-class mail matter rate based on the parcel post zone system.

COUNTRY ASKED TO HELP REGISTRATION

Washington.—Attorney General Gregory instructed United States Attorneys and marshals throughout the country to use their utmost efforts to arrest and prosecute all persons responsible for the agitation which has manifested itself in certain localities against the registration June 5 of men subject to selective draft.

Officials have undertaken an exhaustive investigation to determine if the whole anti-draft sentiment is not rooted in extensive machinations of German propagandists having a central headquarters in this country.

If such is the case, the conspiracy will come to nothing, officials believe. The department of justice, it was authoritatively announced, expects virtually 100 per cent of eligibles to register, and prompt prosecution under the criminal provisions of the law will be instituted in the few cases where the law is not observed.

To bring out the full registration, Attorney General Gregory invited the entire nation to constitute itself a committee of the whole, and every man of military age a committee of one to report slackers.

WILL NEED 8000 WORKMEN

American Lake Project to Rank First in Northwest.

Tacoma, Wash.—Mechanics will be brought to American Lake to construct the thousands of buildings needed there even if all work of this character has to be stopped in Tacoma, Portland, Seattle and other northwest cities. That announcement was made by the representatives of the quartermaster's department of the army, who are here to supervise the preliminary work.

It will be necessary to build thousands of buildings to house the 60,000 troops to be brought to camp, beginning September 1. Of this number, 800 of the structures will be of a permanent character. The great task must be completed by the date of the first arrival of soldiers. Captain David L. Stone estimates that 8000 workmen will be employed there during the summer.

The bride-to-be—Her only worry is all she had to do for her mother-in-law. "An, well, she can't complain. After all, she's not my mother-in-law. She's only my mother-in-law."