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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Strawberry picking began at Hood River this week.

Oregon's official war service registration totaled 62,800.

Azalea Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Riddle, will buy a \$100 "Liberty" bond.

The Oregon State Bankers' association convened at Marshfield last week. Pendleton was the first city in the state that met its Liberty Bond quota. Approximately 19,000 young men of Multnomah county registered for war service.

The fourth older girls' conference of eastern Oregon convened in La Grande Saturday.

The fund for the Woman's memorial building at the University has passed \$15,000.

The Dallas commercial club has decided to hold an old-fashioned celebration on July 4.

The Oregon Osteopathic association will hold its mid-year meeting in Salem, June 15 and 16.

Charles L. McNary, appointed to succeed the late Senator Lane, was sworn in last Friday.

J. Stultz, a carpenter of Corvallis, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

The Lebanon mohair pool of 5300 fleeces or about 20,000 pounds was sold at 6 1/4 cents a pound.

The dentists of the state of Oregon will hold their annual convention in Portland June 14, 15 and 16.

Excavation for the first unit of the Wittenberg-King evaporating plant at Salem has already been started.

Irvine P. Gardner, of Riddle, has a hen, R. 0744, that has just completed a record of 111 eggs in as many days.

Returns from all the counties in the state give a majority of 16,759 in favor of the \$6,000,000 state road bond issue.

Federal authorities are investigating reports that forged registration cards for the selective draft are being sold in Portland to protect some who failed to register.

A circular has been issued and sent to posts of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R., announcing the sudden death on June 3 of H. S. Fargo, ex-department commander.

Several wage increases were granted by the state board of control to employees at various state institutions at the request of the superintendents of such institutions.

The H. S. Gile Company, with headquarters at Salem and with a branch office at Roseburg, has leased a tract of ground at Riddle and is preparing to erect a prune warehouse.

While on guard duty at one of the tunnels between Mosier and The Dalles, Private M. N. Miller, of Company K, was struck by a passing freight train and severely injured.

R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension service at the Oregon agricultural college, has been offered the presidency of the New Hampshire agricultural college and has the offer under consideration.

F. T. Tooze, city superintendent of schools of Oregon City, has rejected flattering offers from Roseburg and will remain in charge of local schools, having recently been elected to serve another term.

Oregon's largest Liberty loan subscription to date was made Saturday when Max H. Houser, grain exporter, authorized the purchase, through three Portland banks, of \$250,000 worth of bonds.

Delegates from California, Washington and British Columbia ports assembled at Portland Monday for the annual district meeting of the Coast Maritime association, continued in session during the week.

Out of the 104 students who graduated from the Corvallis high school only 70 were able to be present, the rest having either enlisted in the army or navy or been released to boost along the food preparedness campaign.

The bean crop of Linn county in 1917 will be 1700 per cent greater than that of 1916. The pork failed to keep pace with the beans, however, for hogs shows a 20 per cent decrease in number from those in the county last year.

The salmon run in the Columbia river continues extremely light and the catch at present is small. Many of the gillnetters have placed their gear on the racks and practically all the seining grounds have ceased operations.

Governor Withycombe has named the

county stock inspectors for 30 of the counties of Oregon on the recommendation of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of the state. No recommendations were made for five counties.

Frank H. Lathrop, of South Carolina, has been appointed research assistant in entomology at the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station. Mr. Lathrop will work toward a more effective control of aphid in Oregon orchards.

The state convention of the Oregon Girls' Honor Guard was held in Portland on the second day of the Rose Festival.

The treasury department has issued a federal charter to the Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner, capitalized at \$50,000.

Ella Flagg Young, known in educational circles everywhere as an authority, will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given by the Oregon Civic League in Portland July 7. Miss Young was formerly superintendent of schools at Chicago.

Mayor Albee will leave to Mayor-elect Baker the job of issuing proclamations announcing the vote on the measures decided at the Portland city election. This means that the laws as passed will not become effective until some time after July 1.

Four fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission last week. The fatalities were Peter Christ, Mill City, logging; Tony Arnac, Kerry, logging; Benjamin Rockwell, Mill City, logging. A total of 335 accidents were reported.

It was announced at a meeting of the state land board that \$200,000 more rural credit bonds had been taken. This brings the total up to \$450,000. The sum was decided to limit to each county the sum of \$60,000 in bonds and to each person the maximum of \$2,000.

If the state land board will grant a lease of the kelp beds off the mouth of the Yaquina river to E. M. and E. V. Sherlock of Portland, a survey of the beds will be made at once to determine whether or not there is kelp in sufficient quantity to establish a reduction plan.

Two laws of the last legislature related to bounties on seals. One provides that only the scalp and the other the whole hide must be presented to secure the bounty money. Attorney-General Brown holds that the whole hide must be brought in, as the last act passed is controlling.

One of the biggest and oldest ranches in central Oregon, belonging to George Millican, was sold to James Sloan, a wealthy stockman of Umatilla. It is understood that the deal involves approximately \$50,000 and concerns about 300 acres of tillable land, about 1700 acres of range land and 700 head of cattle and horses.

Organization of the Oregon Ship Timber Mills, perfected in Portland, provides for the establishment at Portland of an exclusive sawmill for turning out long lengths and dimension material for wooden ship construction, and in that respect it will be equipped to cut the longest timbers of any mill on the Pacific Coast.

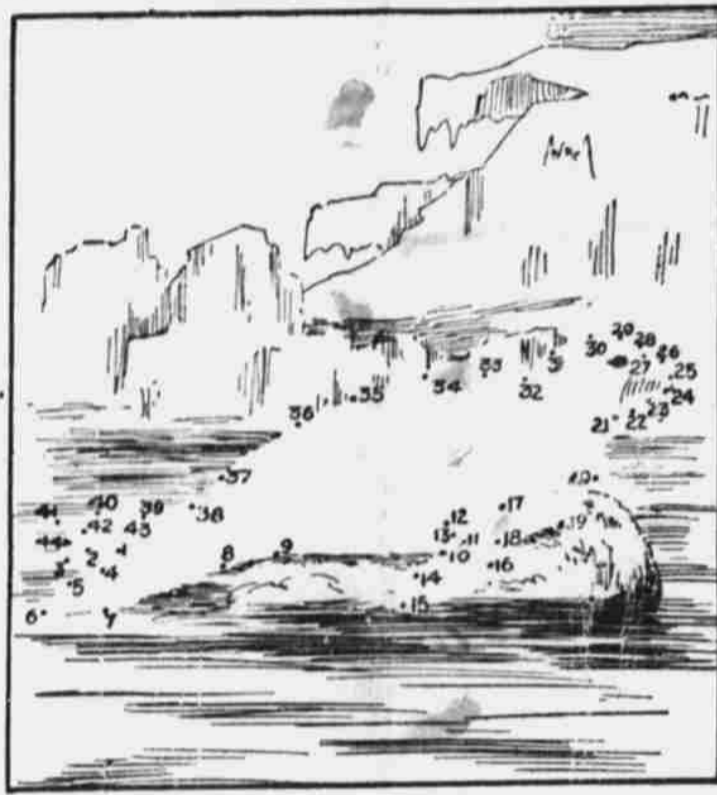
W. J. Conrad and A. E. Adesperger, timber dealers of Marshfield, announce that they have closed the deeds for the sale of timber in Coos county aggregating 500,000,000 feet. Most of the purchasers were eastern capitalists and in some cases the purchase of timber will ultimately be followed by lumbering operations on the part of the purchasers.

The car shortage, which for many months has wrought industrial havoc in many parts of the northwest is over. Reports issued by the public service commission show that the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company has a surplus of 743 cars and the Oregon Trunk a surplus of 114. The Southern Pacific now has a shortage of only 39 cars. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle has short 129 cars. The Oregon Electric had 24 un-filled car orders and the United Railways seven.

A call has been issued by the Oregon public service commission for a meeting to be held in Portland for the purpose of arranging standards of grain, hay and other agricultural products. The meeting will be held on June 18. Invitations have been issued to leading grain growers, grain dealers and others interested in the matter. The purpose is not only to describe and fix standards, but to formulate rules for weighting and handling the commodities specified in the grain inspection law passed by the last legislature.

At a joint session of the state board of control and the state highway commission at Salem, it was virtually decided to carry to the supreme court, in a friendly suit, the question of

Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 8



YES, you drew a reindeer when you drew No. 7. Of course you know it is very cold where the reindeer makes his home. Reindeers are the automobiles of the icy regions. They make fast time on the ice when attached to sleds. The reindeer works like a horse, furnishes meat and milk to people in cold countries and helps Santa Claus every year. Now, get ready for another cold weather animal. Start your pencil at No. 1, push it along to 2, 3, 4, etc., until all numbers are connected.

whether the state can issue the entire \$1,800,000 worth of bonds to meet the Shackleford federal road money as provided for in the Bean-Barrett bonding bill of the last legislature, or whether the state can issue only a sufficient amount of such bonds to cover any deficiency that might exist, after the highway millage tax has been applied to meet the federal road fund.

Oregon has registered a total of 62,840 under the war census. With this figure, although under the war department estimate, the state has given its quota based on the computation of 10 per cent of the 1910 census. The census estimate would have provided 68,428, but attention is called by the adjutant general's office to the fact that more than 5000 men have answered the call to the national guard and the regular army and navy services, and that these men under such service did not register. On this showing the state has come up to the requirements of the census registration.

THE KING OF GREECE ABDICATES THRONE

Athens, via Paris.—King Constantine has yielded to the demand of France, Great Britain and Russia, and has abdicated the throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander.

Constantine's retirement was directly due to the French senator, M. Jonnart, who arrived at Athens on a special mission as the representative of France, Great Britain and Russia, and demanded under threat of armed force the abdication of the king.

The demands of the powers respecting the abdication of King Constantine also specifically eliminated Crown Prince George as his successor, the crown prince being included among those Greeks in official life who were considered strongly pro-German.

It is presumed that Prince Alexander will take up his kingly duties with full acceptance of the ideas which the protecting powers desire to be put into effect in the government of Greece during the present war. He is 24 years of age and has been free from anti-entente proclivities.

Washington Must Furnish Quota. Seattle.—Notwithstanding the protest of state officials against the census bureau estimate of 212,634 eligible in the state, as compared with an actual registration of 108,615, Provost Marshal General Crowder sent word to Governor Listér that the state's quota of troops must be furnished on the census bureau basis.

"Mother Ann." "Mother Ann" was a friendly nickname given to a woman named Ann Lee, an English woman, who came to the United States during the revolutionary period and founded the sect called Shakers. She was illiterate, but a good woman, a religious enthusiast, and popular in her day.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

In the Austro-Italian theater the fighting is being done entirely by the artillery wings of the opposing armies.

The central powers now hold nearly 3,000,000 prisoners of war, according to official figures published in German newspapers.

The town of Messines and a score of other important points were in British hands as the result of the tremendous blow struck by Field Marshal Haig, in resumption of the British offensive. The Messines ridge, dominating the whole north end of the line, has been wrested from the Germans. They have held it since October, 1914.

General Haig's determination to give the Germans no rest was exemplified when the British penetrated the German positions around Lens to a depth of more than half a mile. The field of this attack lies from fifteen to twenty miles south of that of the big drive made by the British in Belgium, which resulted in the capture of the commanding Wyschaete-Messines ridge and its retention despite desperate German counter attacks. The two fields of attack constitute points from which the great manufacturing district of Northern France, centering in Lille, may be subjected to alternating pressure.

Two Die in Jail Break.

Medford, Or.—Two men are dead and one seriously injured as the result of a jailbreak at Jacksonville. The dead are: J. L. Ragdale, a pioneer rancher of Lake Creek, sentenced by Judge Calkins to an indeterminate sentence from 20 years to life for criminal assault upon his stepdaughter, and Charles H. Baay, the jailer. Ragdale used a flatiron to fell the jailer after entering the office by a ruse, and afterwards killed himself when about to be captured.

Wilson's Note in Schools.

Washington.—President Wilson's war message, arranged with footnoted references and notations to make it available for detailed study by schools, was issued in pamphlet form by the committee of public information. The pamphlet will be sent free to schools, libraries and organizations or individuals applying for them.

Russian Women to Fight in Trenches.

Petrograd, via London.—The propaganda in favor of a "women's fighting regiment" has made considerable progress. Eight hundred volunteers have already enlisted, among whom, it is reported, is the wife of the war minister, A. P. Kerensky.

Balfour Has Arrived Home.

London.—Foreign Secretary Balfour arrived home from his trip to America at the head of the British mission.

President Wilson Can Now Prevent Supplies Reaching The Germans.

Washington.—Control of exports was given the government when the senate finally approved the administration espionage bill with its embargo clause. The measure, sent to the president for his signature, puts into the hands of the executive a weapon by which it is intended to stop supplies from entering Germany through neutral countries.

Passage of the bill removes to a great extent the necessity of the British blockade, since the United States, originator of most of the exports that reach the neutrals, will be in position to see that the countries are supplied with just enough food and materials for their own needs.

The neutral nations have expressed much concern over America's policy, and three of them—Norway, Sweden and Switzerland—have sent commissions to this country to present their needs and requirements.

America's final incorporation into the allies' economic strength, with the legislation just passed, gives the alliance the practical trade domination of the whole world outside the German empire. The neutrals are practically helpless without allied shipping and coal.

Will Arrest Slackers.

Arrest and possibly a year's imprisonment threatens men of registration age who have failed to enroll for army conscription. Governors had orders from the war department to cease extending leniency to those who did not register, and to prosecute violators vigorously. The early publication of lists of registered men is expected to aid in the detection of shirkers.

HAIG SMASHES LINE ON BELGIAN FRONT

Germans First Blown up and Then Rolled Back in New Drive.

London.—The wiping out of the German salient at Messines appears merely the prelude to a projected battle of a far mightier description.

The Germans, though apparently aware that the blow was coming and seemingly prepared to meet it, were driven from their nearly three years' hold on Messines ridge, opposite "Poor Old" Ypres, the last remnant of an important Belgian town, which, with the help of the French and British in turn, has held out against all the massed attacks the Germans could fling against it, including the first great surprise of poison gas as a means of supposed civilized warfare.

All the prisoners say the Germans had been expecting the attack, but were taken completely by surprise by the hour at which it was launched and the fury with which it was carried forward. They had been completely dazed by the most gigantic mining operation yet carried out in the world war.

More than 1,000,000 pounds of high explosives had been placed under the German forward positions during the last twelve months and the upheaval of a score of separate mines spread panic among the troops, already harassed, as they were, to the point of distraction by seven days and nights of fire from the greatest concentration of guns on a given front since the war began. The battle of Arras apparently had reached the ultimate in this respect, but today's bombardment was carried out by 20 per cent more guns, especially guns of heavy caliber.

BRITISH AIRPLANES HELP WIN VICTORY

London.—The manner in which the British flying corps dominated the air during the battle of Messines Ridge and completely smothered the German aviation service for the time being is one of the most thrilling and remarkable stories of the entire war.

Hundreds of British planes were well behind the German lines when the battle broke into its fury at dawn. In addition to shutting the German airmen out of any early participation in the battle, the British airplanes were in a large degree responsible for the fact that the Germans could not launch a counter attack of appreciable strength until 40 hours after the battle for the ridge began and every bit of ground desired by the British in this particular operation had been taken and secured.

Far back of the German lines the British planes searched out troops in every hamlet, town and village. In several places they saw them gathering or marching in the main streets, whereupon they flew down low at times and opened a fire which scattered the Germans in all directions.

RUSSIANS SPURN PEACE

German Commander in East Offers to Cease Warfare.

Petrograd.—The council of soldiers and workmen has made public the fact that the German commander-in-chief on the Eastern front sent a wireless message inviting the Russian armies to a separate armistice, and proposing that they enter into secret pour parlers with the German leaders. The council denounces the proposals. The resolution of the soldiers' and workmen's council spurning the German wireless appeals for peace declared:

"The German commander-in-chief wirelessed our troops a proposal for an armistice in order that secret pour parlers for peace might be held. It was argued that such an armistice did not offer Germany advantage. This is untrue. The German general forgets that Russia knows the overthrow of the allies would mean the overthrow of Russia and the end of her political liberty."

Russian Mission Lands at Pacific Port

Washington.—The Russian mission to the United States, headed by Boris A. Bakhmetoff as special ambassador, has landed at a Pacific port. The party, consisting of about 40 members, will stop first at Seattle, Wash., and proceed at once to Washington.

Oregon's Liberty Loan subscription is \$11,373,000.