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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The sixth annual Polk County fair was held in Dallas last week.

Portland night schools will open throughout the city on October 1.

The Oregon Dairymen's league has been formally organized in Portland.

Wharf and docks for the new saw mill at Reedsport are now building.

Umatilla County's assessed valuation this year will be about \$50,000,000.

Washington county fruitgrowers began harvesting their prune crop Monday.

Clatsop county's annual industrial and school fair was held in Astoria last week.

The date of the Hermiston dairy and hog show has been set for October 26 and 27.

The federal reserve branch bank of Portland will open for business on October 1.

Four hundred thousand trout fry were liberated in Fifteen Mile creek near Dufur.

The Klamath School Fair association is planning to hold an industrial fair some time in October.

The Washington county fair will be held on the Pacific University campus at Forest Grove October 2-5.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, October 9, to be fire prevention day.

The 34th annual convention of the Oregon Women's Christian Temperance union will be held at Albany October 25.

L. J. Scott, of Harrisburg, met instant death by coming in contact with a high tension wire carrying 35,000 volts.

About 400 carloads of prunes have been shipped from the Milton section during this season, breaking all previous records.

During this year the state highway department has drawn plans for 25 county bridges, the total cost of which aggregates \$500,000.

Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 pounds of prunes is the estimate of Douglas county's present crop as made by a prominent buyer.

The city of Gold Hill has purchased the McClure power site, water right and ditches for power purposes in operating the city water plant.

Curry county has requested the state highway commission to make a survey along the coast from the Coos county boundary to the California state line.

Forty or 50 tons of the evergreen blackberries that grow wild in nearly every part of Marion county are being delivered daily to the two canneries of Salem.

William Henderson Packwood, aged 85, the last surviving member of the Oregon territorial legislature that adopted the state constitution, died Friday at Baker.

A start for better roads is being made in Grant county in the survey of a post road from Pilot Rock to Long Creek. This road will tap one of the best sections in northern Grant county.

George Doll, who operates the Libby mine, near Marshfield, is planning to aid in meeting the coast fuel shortage by reopening the South Marshfield coal mine which has been idle for several years.

William Wills, of Seattle, has been awarded contracts by the Port of Astoria commission for the construction of the workhouse of the new grain storage tanks at the port docks. The consideration is \$56,913.

A study of the puzzling prune diseases that have been causing heavy losses to Oregon growers for several years has been taken up by the botany and plant pathology department of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Rates declared to be preferential and unjustly discriminatory against lumber mills of the Willamette valley were attacked at an interstate commerce commission hearing held in federal court at Portland before C. R. Marshall, attorney-examiner.

The public service commission is vested with full power to raise or lower street railway rates in the cities of the state, providing that after a full and complete hearing the facts justify such action. Attorney-General Brown has advised the commission.

The 1917 Hood River apple crop, which will approximate 1,000,000 boxes, must, according to R. F. Bon-

ham, director of the Portland office of the United States immigration bureau, be picked to a large extent by women, owing to the scarcity of men.

The Dallas city council has instructed City Attorney Coad to take up with the Oregon congressional delegation the matter of securing permission from the federal government for the city to purchase 280 acres of O. & C. railway land along the watershed of Canyon creek at the minimum price of \$2.50 per acre to be used perpetually as a water reserve.

Supervisor Barnes, of the Minam national forest, is issuing circular letters to farmers in his district, with blanks for them to fill, in order to learn what livestock each will have to sell to butchers this fall and why, so as to inform the national council of defense.

After further investigation into the advisability of convening the legislature in extraordinary session, Governor Withycombe expressed the belief that there will be no necessity of calling a special session to care for dependents of men called into the military or naval service.

The 18 counties of the state in which the O. & C. grant lands lie are to receive the back taxes, penalties and interest due on the lands up to June 9, 1916, as soon as the machinery of the secretary of the treasury can prepare the warrants and forward them to the different counties.

Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church and their wives representing 200 churches are attending the 65th annual session of the Oregon conference, which convened in the James A. Ebbert Memorial church in Springfield Tuesday and will close its sessions Monday, October 1.

The China pheasant season opens Tuesday, October 1, and closes at sunset, Wednesday, October 31. The prospects are that the coming season will be one of the best ever enjoyed, as from all sources it is reported that the birds are more plentiful than ever before in the history of the state.

Taxes for the year 1917 remain unpaid when the tax collector's office closes for the day, October 5, will become delinquent 30 days later, or on November 6. Taxes that are not paid before the latter date will be liable to an interest charge of 1 per cent and an additional penalty of 5 per cent.

The Oregon Hop Growers' association has served notice on its members that it will take legal action to force members to abide by their contracts to sell their hops through the association. Some of the members, it is said, are now contracting their hops to buyers outside the association.

Under a law passed by the last legislature the road supervisor system is to be abolished next year. In its stead the establishment, construction and maintenance of all county roads shall be entirely under the jurisdiction and control of the county court, who may employ a county roadmaster.

The county court of Willowa county has signed the contract for building the Flora Enterprise road. This project is included in the plan of forest roads which are to be built by the United States forest service and the state in co-operation. The county will appropriate \$5000 to the work, the state \$12,500 and the federal government \$12,500.

Mitsui & Co., a large Japanese concern, will award contracts for wooden vessels to the Columbia Engineering Works, of Portland, if the board will allow the vessels to take out Japanese registry when completed. This is contrary to the board's policy. Senator McNary is urging the request to be granted, especially as the shipping board is not now ready to place its own contracts with this yard.

In the northwest part of Douglas county, near the Lane line, about nine miles from Yoncalla, is a vast deposit of cinnabar that has heretofore attracted some attention, but the magnitude of which has never been comprehended. H. L. Marsters, of Roseburg, is now the owner, title has been straightened out, and the property is now being developed. The ore body is a vast mountain and millions of tons of mineral are in sight.

Undaunted by the fact that peppermint oil is one of the few products lower in price because of the war, and a short crop, the result of an almost unprecedented drought, Oregon peppermint growers in the midst of their harvest are planning on enlarging their acreage next year, confident that when peace comes the old market price of from \$5 to \$6 a pound, as compared with the prevailing quotation of \$3, will be restored.

The first successful example of the lithographic art was produced 120 years ago by Aloys Senefelder, a Bavarian, who produced a piece of music printed by this process.

\$100 cash

Is offered in prizes for the WESTON LEADER'S

POPULARITY CONTEST

Beginning Tuesday, October 2, 10 a. m. Closing Thursday, Nov. 8, 10 a. m.

FIRST PRIZE \$50, SECOND \$25, THIRD \$15 and FOURTH \$10

to be paid in cash by this paper to the successful contestants.

10 percent of Collections

will be paid to each and every contestant in addition, that none may work without recompense.

- One Year's Subscription, \$1.50..... 1000 Votes
- Two Years' Subscription, \$3.00..... 2500 Votes (Or Two Subscriptions One Year)
- Three Years' Subscription, \$4.50..... 4500 Votes (Or Three Subscriptions One Year)
- Four Years' Subscription, \$6.00..... 7000 Votes (Or Four Subscriptions One Year)
- Five Years' Subscription, \$7.50..... 10000 Votes (Or Five Subscriptions One Year)
- Ten Years' Subscription, \$15.00..... 25000 Votes (Or Ten Subscriptions One Year)

The two to ten annual subscriptions must be taken by one individual at one transaction.

Rules of Contest

Judges—J. H. Williams, Dr. F. D. Watts, E. O. DeMoss. Two judges constitute a quorum.

Judges only to hold key to sealed and locked ballot box, which will be kept constantly at store of Weston Mercantile Co.

Count to be made by judges every Thursday at 10 a. m. Final count Thursday, November 8, 1917, at 10 a. m.

Either married or single ladies eligible to compete. Entrants may obtain receipt and ballot blanks by calling at the Leader office on or after Tuesday, October 2, at 10 a. m.

Entrants securing subscriptions are expected to turn in their collections and votes at least once each day—unless unavoidably prevented from so doing—at the store of the Weston Mercantile Co. They are entitled to retain ten percent of each collection.

Out-of-town subscribers may name their choice of candidates in making their remittances. With the correct number of votes noted thereon, either by themselves or the publisher, their letters of remittance will be placed in the ballot box and will constitute legal ballots. All local ballots must be of one prescribed and printed form, furnished by this office under proper safeguards. The number of votes in the ballot box each week must tally with the sums received on subscription.

We take this means of increasing our list and putting it on a cash-in-advance basis. Positively no delinquent subscription will be carried after November 8, 1917.

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SHIPBUILDERS QUIT WORK

President Wilson's Efforts to Avoid a Strike Fail.

Portland, Ore.—President Wilson telegraphed a direct appeal to the union men of Portland Sunday, asking them to continue at work on shipbuilding and assuring them of a "fair deal," but it did not suffice to accomplish the results sought, for at a special mass meeting of the men affiliated with the steel and wooden ship industries here, at the municipal auditorium, a strike order was issued for steel ship plants, effective at 10 o'clock Monday morning, and it was ordered that the wooden workers remain out.

This means the complete tieup of the steel and wooden shipbuilding industry of Portland and vicinity, insofar as the unions may be able to do so.

San Francisco Wage Schedule Signed.

San Francisco.—A temporary wage schedule which will permit 30,000 iron workers who struck here last week, to return to work immediately upon ratification of the agreement by the unions concerned, pending final adjudication of their differences by the federal board of conciliation, was signed here at a conference between representatives of the men, their employers, and federal mediators.

24,000 Chinese May go to France.

Pekin.—The president and the cabinet have agreed to the plan of sending a trial division of 24,000 Chinese soldiers to France if money, equipment and shipping are available. The entente allies have approved the proposition and France is eager to receive the contingent.

La Follette's Resignation Demanded.

Washburn, Wis.—Demand for his resignation is to be sent to Senator La Follette by the Washburn Loyalty league, which also is to send a telegram to the president of the United States senate asking that Senator La Follette be impeached.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club, \$2; bluestem, \$2.05; red Russian, \$1.98; forty-fold, \$2.03. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.
Butter—Creamery, 46c.
Eggs—Ranch, 42c.
Potatoes—2 1/2 c.

Seattle.
Butter—Creamery, 47c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 49c.
Potatoes—\$50 @ \$60 per ton.

NORTHWEST WHEAT PRICE IS \$2.05

Washington.—Food Director Hoover announced to the representatives of the Oregon, Idaho and Washington wheat growers, that the food administration had decided to establish primary wheat markets at Portland and Seattle, with a basic price of \$2.05 per bushel. This would enable these ports to make shipments, if water transportation were available.

The decision was said to be satisfactory although there still remains a discrimination of 15 cents a bushel against the wheat growers of the northwest as compared with the central west.

The government will make the base price of wheat at San Francisco and Los Angeles \$2.10 a bushel.

The growers expressed concern over the reported arrival on the Pacific coast of 90,000 barrels of Australian flour and the addition of 60,000 barrels now on its way. The flour is offered at prices between \$8 and \$9 a barrel.

The immediate payment of the accrued taxes and penalties on the unsold portions of the Oregon & California grant lands advised by the secretary of the interior forecasts the opening and disposition of a portion of the grant lands in the near future, according to S. W. Williams, representing the department of justice, who has been sent to Portland to take charge of the final disposition of the questions involved in the land grant controversy. Not only will those portions of the agricultural land which have been classified by the department be opened to entry as soon as possible, but the timber will be placed on the market and sold as rapidly as it can be disposed of at a reasonable price under the terms of the Chamberlain-Ferris revestment act.

PLOTS TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS ARE BARED

Message Sent By Bernstorff Asking Authority to Spend \$50,000 is Revealed.

Washington.—The American government's publicity spotlight revealing German intrigue in neutral lands was turned upon the expenditure of money by the Berlin foreign office in an effort to influence congress on the eve of the ruthless submarine campaign which drove the United States to war.

Secretary Lansing made public without comment the text of a message sent by Count von Bernstorff to Berlin last January asking authority to use \$50,000 to influence congress through an organization which the foreign office was reminded had performed similar service before.

Suggests Declaration Favoring Ireland To supplement this move Von Bernstorff suggested an official declaration in favor of Ireland for its effect here. The organization to be employed was not named in the message, and Mr. Lansing did not discuss its identity.

This disclosure adds another chapter to the amazing story begun with publication of the famous Zimmerman note, in which Germany proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan against the United States and which has included the German-Swedish breaches of neutrality in Argentina and Mexico.

Lansing Exposes Deadly Germ Plot. How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German legation at Bucharest, after the American government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Roumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes, with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was also revealed by Secretary Lansing.

Von Igel Papers Proof of Plots. Further disclosures of far-reaching German propaganda, intrigues and plots in this country prior to the diplomatic break with Germany were made by the committee on public information.

In a bulletin styled "Official Exposure," the committee quotes numerous letters and extracts from letters seized by the department of justice in April, 1915, in a raid upon the New York office of Wolfe von Igel.

Von Igel in carrying on this manifold pro-German and anti-American activities, the documents show, was in constant touch with the German Embassy and with Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States.

ARGENTINE FOR RUPTURE

House Follows Action of Senate and Votes for Break With Germany.

Buenos Aires.—The chamber of deputies has voted in favor of a rupture with Germany. The vote was 53 to 16. The president has power to veto the action of parliament, but popular clamor is such that this is unlikely.

Changes in the situation since the senate vote of 23 to 1 in favor of a diplomatic break will require another vote in the upper house on the same question before any resolution announcing the congressional support of such a step is formally put up to the president for approval or disapproval. The authorities have been advised officially that the strike in the city of Santa Fe during the last month was fomented and supported by Germans.

12,000 to Quit Seattle Yards.

Seattle.—Strike at 10 o'clock Saturday morning of 12,000 members of the 15 metal trades unions employed in Seattle shipyards and allied contract shops was ordered by the Seattle Metal Trades council, the central organization of the 15 unions, as a result, it was said, of the insistent demand of the rank and file of the shipyard workers for a "showdown" on the long-pending wage increase controversy.

Troop Train Porter Dies.

Camp Lewis, Tacoma.—With 437 Montana men for the draft army and a dead negro porter, a special train arrived at Camp Lewis. The men are held in quarters while an investigation into the cause of the porter's death is being made by Colonel D. V. Hayes.

Pendleton, Or.—Yakima Canutt won the Round Up bucking contest.