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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The construction of a five-story flour mill has been begun at Hood River.

Portland shipped 194,553 bushels of wheat and flour during the month of September.

Cook county's \$40,000 courthouse annex, or hall of records, is completed and occupied.

The Wasco county school children's exhibit carried off first prize at the state fair at Salem.

The Willamette Presbytery will meet at Dallas Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9 and 10.

Miss Florence Twidwell has been elected an dean of women at Willamette University at Salem.

Apple picking in the Hood River valley to harvest the 1,000,000 box apple crop is in progress.

J. H. Dugore of Portland, has been appointed a merchant representative of the food administration.

As an incident of the war period women will be employed as elevator operators in Portland office buildings.

A system of modern fire protection for the buildings on the Oregon Agricultural campus is being installed.

The supreme court has set November 13 and 14 as dates for hearing arguments in the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases.

Columbus Strong, 56, a timber faller, was instantly killed while working in the logging camp of Hawkins Bros., near Elk City.

The 13th annual convention of the Oregon Funeral Directors' association will convene at Portland Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Burgess General Blue reports to Senator Chamberlain he has directed an investigation to determine the best site in Oregon for a military hospital.

Twenty-six members of the Multnomah Anglers' club have been commissioned deputy game wardens, without pay, by Carl Shoemaker, state game warden.

October 21-28, inclusive, has been set as the week's campaign to enlist every housewife in Oregon as a member of the federal food administration.

The National Sheep and Wool Bureau of America has appointed Charles E. Cooney, a tailor of Portland, commissioner for Oregon of that organization.

Estimates are made that the two cities, Marshfield and North Bend, have had an increase of population between 25 and 33 per cent within the past 18 months.

Hoyt S. Gale, of the United States geological survey, is in the section east of Bend, where he will investigate recently discovered nitrate deposits for the government.

Records show that 78 of the 636 vessels contracted for by the shipping board at all points in the country are either being built or have been contracted for in Oregon.

The public service commission has issued orders relieving the towns of Baker, Union, Pendleton, Cove and Elgin, all in eastern Oregon, from the operation of the warning signs statute.

A drop in the wholesale price of flour in northwest markets to \$10.20 a barrel for family patents, to be effective at once, was decreed at a meeting of Pacific coast millers held in Portland.

Payment by the government of \$1,404,841 to one Washington and 18 Oregon counties in back taxes on Oregon-California grant lands began early this week.

Superintendent of Banks Sargent has announced that the banks and trust companies of Portland had \$17,298,497.08 more in deposits on September 11 of this year than on September 12 last year.

Oregon's fifty-sixth annual fair closed Saturday. From the standpoint of attendance and number of exhibits, it was the biggest fair ever held in the state. Weather throughout the week was ideal.

In conformity with its policy announced during the \$6,000,000 road bond campaign last spring, the state highway commission is preparing to purchase its own bituminous paving plant for next season's work.

The city of Portland entered the retail fish business Monday to keep prices down. The city commissioners having voted to take over a retail fish store which had been operated for a

week by the Portland Ad Club.

Fruit is being thrown away because there is no market for it, according to reports from Long Creek. In the John Day valley. Although Long Creek is not known as a fruit section, there are many orchards there and this year the production exceeded local consumption. The principal waste is said to be in apples and peach plums, which are being allowed to rot on the trees. The community is so far from a market that transportation charges do not warrant shipping.

Harvesting of the bean crop has begun in Polk county. The average yield is between 250 and 450 pounds per acre, which is not as good as expected. There are nearly 1000 acres of land around Menmouth in beans.

An amendment was adopted in the senate to the deficiency bill which will permit Oregon and several other states to receive immediate benefits under the vocational education bill. Oregon's share amounting to \$4500.

Three of the 12 cities in the United States that have oversubscribed their war library fund quota are in Oregon, says a telegram from national headquarters in Washington, D. C., to W. L. Brewster, state director. They are Lakeview, Independence and Mouth.

During the past season a company organized at Grants Pass has been catching and shipping a thousand pounds of salmon a day from the mouth of the Rogue river. The fish are iced and sent to Coquille by auto truck and from there shipped by rail to market.

Prineville, October 22 to 25, will be the Mecca of clubwomen from all over the state. Everything is in readiness and it is expected that the 17th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will be one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

To facilitate the handling of a large block of yellow pine in central Oregon, officials of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company of Bend are negotiating with the Shevin-Hixon Company of Bend and the Huron Timber company of Saginaw, Mich., for the purchase of approximately 370,000,000 feet of timber.

An editorial suggestion that the pioneer relics, stories and facts of southern Oregon, should be collected and preserved has met with support by the papers of Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford and a move is under way to have the libraries of the three cities made collecting agencies for that purpose.

President Wilson has signed two land bills affecting the status of tracts in the Oregon forest reserves. The first eliminates certain lands in the Willowa national forest amounting to 15,565 acres. The other lands are located in the Fremont national forest in Lake county. This part amounted to 35,024 acres.

A smaller quantity of eggs during the next year is the outlook from Douglas county, as the result of high prices of feed. According to poultry men, about three tons of chickens are being shipped from Roseburg weekly and similar quantities go from Riddle and Dryden, Oregon, and Yoncalla and Drain.

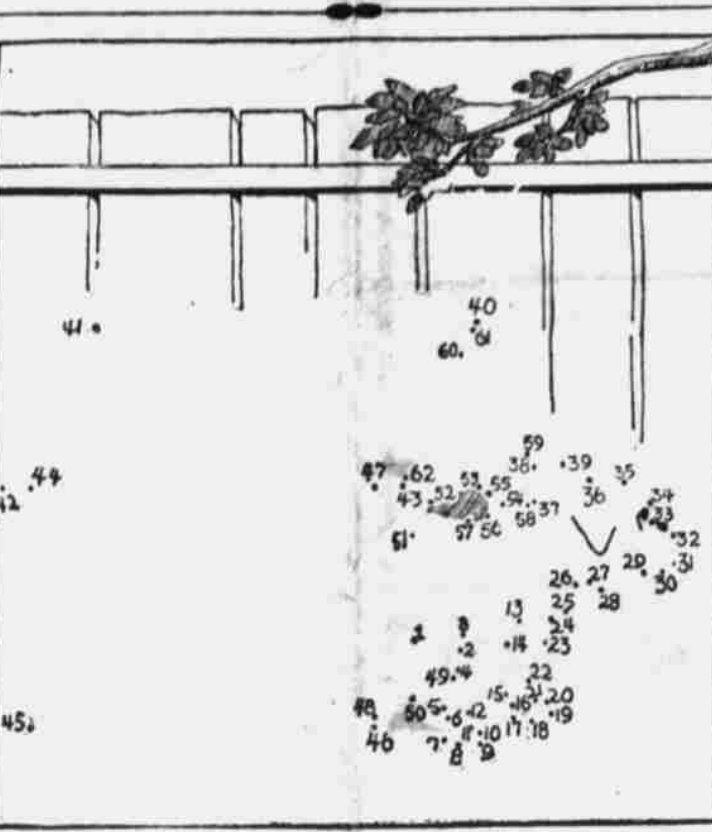
Fourteen hundred turkeys in one flock being driven across a field was the unusual sight that residents of Fossil saw recently. The birds were owned by Thomas, McKinley and James Huntington, three brothers, who have homesteads in the Blue mountains in Wheeler county. They were on their way to market, a drive of more than 40 miles, mostly across the stubble fields of Gilliam county.

The car service commission, at the request of Senator McNary, will order an immediate investigation of the complaint of the Portland chamber of commerce with reference to shortage of cars on the Southern Pacific to move Oregon products. The chamber says the situation is made worse by the withdrawal of coast-wise ships. It reports a surplus of cars on the O-W R. & N. company and the Northern Pacific.

Governor Withycombe, P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed college; Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon state normal school, are among those who will address the Oregon convention of Parent Teacher associations, to be held in Eugene, October 17 to 20.

Physician—"You shouldn't attend so many picture shows. They are a severe strain on the eyes." Mrs. Dasher—"But think how restful they are to the mind."—Puck.

Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 20



Of course, children, the last picture you drew was that of a plow. If it wasn't for the plow and the farmer we wouldn't have much to eat, would we? Now, sometimes the farmer is away, and when his wife is alone she feels safe when she looks at the little place built near the farmhouse. This place is like a fort for the farm. You bet tramps keep away from it. They know they'll get a warm reception if they venture near. Start your pencil at No. 1 again and let it run to 2, 3 and 4, and so on.

GERARD SAYS THE GERMANS HATE US

Portland, Or.—When the American troops encounter the Germans they will wield the bayonet with a full realization of the fact that to become a Prussian prisoner is not the least of the woes that may befall a soldier of democracy.

Such is the opinion of James W. Gerard, ex-ambassador to Germany, who addressed the citizens of Portland at a mass meeting here Monday. "Germany has an unlimited capacity for hate," said Mr. Gerard. "Because the British came into the war, contrary to their expectations, the British prisoners were treated with great cruelty during the first few months of conflict."

"For the same reason the first American soldier to be taken prisoner by the Germans will have a very hard time. Germany hates America, as she hates Britain, for this country's unexpected entrance as her foe."

Every resource of the nation must be strained for victory if America is to be freed from the menace of Prussianism.

"One thing I wish to impress upon all," he said with emphasis, "is that Germany still is extremely strong, and that the only way she can be beaten is by an actual military effort in the field."

HOOVER RENEWS APPEAL

Conservation by Individual is Made Duty of Necessity, Humanity, Honor

Washington.—A renewed appeal to the American people to unite in food conservation was made by Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator, in an announcement setting aside the week of October 21 to 28 for completion of the campaign to enroll the country's housewives as volunteer members of the food administration.

Food, Mr. Hoover declared, will win the war. Its conservation is a duty, he says, of necessity, humanity and honor. The food administration plans a house-to-house canvass of the country's homes to accomplish the enrollment of householders. The foods most necessary to save, it is declared, are wheat, beef, pork, dairy products and sugar and those that should be used most generously are fish, poultry, fruit, vegetables and all cereals except wheat.

\$10,000,000 Asked for Families.

Salem, Or.—A bill providing \$10,000,000 for the payment of family allowances for enlisted men has been introduced by Representative Baker, of California.

Oregon Supreme Court Judge Dies.

Salem, Or.—Robert Eakin, associate justice of the Oregon supreme court from January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1917, died at his home here after an extended illness.

FRENCH AIRMEN BOMB STUTTART

Paris.—French airmen successfully bombarded the German city of Stuttgart, it was officially announced.

Two French machines dropped the explosives over Stuttgart, the official announcement said. The raid occurred Saturday evening. It was in reprisal for German bombardments around Bar le Duc.

Stuttgart is the capital of the kingdom of Wurttemberg and is located 90 miles west of Munich. It is at least 132 miles from the nearest part of the French battle line in the Vosges.

The city is one of the most picturesque of the German towns and contains some ancient buildings.

The German cities of Frankfurt on the Main, Treves and Coblenz, were also bombarded by French aviators in retaliation for German aerial attacks on French cities.

JAPAN TO PROTECT CHINA

Ishii Warns Other Nations to Keep Their Hands Off China.

New York.—Proclaiming a Monroe doctrine of the far east, Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese mission to the United States, warned the nations of the world in a speech here that his country will not tolerate aggressions against the territory or independence of China. At the same time he pledged Japan not to attempt similar aggressions on her part.

"Circumstances for which we were in no sense responsible gave us certain rights to Chinese territory," Viscount Ishii said, "but at no time in the past and at no time in the future do we or will we seek to take territory from China or to despoil China of her rights."

"We not only will not seek to assail the integrity or the sovereignty of China, but will eventually be prepared to defend and maintain the integrity and independence of China against any aggressor. For we know that our own landmarks would be threatened by any outside invasion or interference in China."

Clyde B. Aitchison Member of I. C. C.

Washington.—Clyde B. Aitchison, ex-member of the Oregon Railway Commission, was nominated by the president for the president for the two other vacancies are: Robert W. Woolley, of Virginia, for the term ending December 31, 1920; George W. Anderson, of Boston, Mass., for the term ending in 1922.

Farm Loans \$11,072,395.

Spokane, Wash.—Loans totaling \$11,072,395 have been appraised and approved by the federal land bank of Spokane during the first six months of its existence, according to a statement of President D. G. O'Shea, showing business recommended for 209 national farm loan associations in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

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Germans — A Monster Demonstration for Peace.

Copenhagen.—A monster demonstration in favor of a peace without annexations was held on Sunday at Frankfort-on-the-Main. Leaders in the Clerical, Radical and Socialist parties sponsored the demonstration. The crowd numbered 40,000 or 50,000, and addresses were made from six different platforms simultaneously.

Finns Buying Firearms.

Petrograd.—Many arrests have been made in Petrograd of Finnish agents who were purchasing firearms.

Senator Chamberlain Improving.

Washington.—Senator Chamberlain, who was taken ill last week, is reported to be much improved. He expects to be out soon.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club, \$2.01; bluestem, \$2.05; red Russian, \$1.98; forty-fold, \$2.02. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.

Butter—Creamery, 46c. Eggs—Ranch, 42c. Potatoes—\$1.50 @ 2.25 a hundred.

Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 47c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 52c. Potatoes—\$50 @ \$60 per ton.

Nine Die in Forest Fire.

Hillmore, Cal.—Two forest fires in the hills back of this town are believed to have caused the loss of nine lives and have destroyed oil derricks, pipelines, buildings and other property to a value estimated at \$500,000.

Teuton Railways Airmen's Targets.

London.—Dispatches from Holland forwarded by frontier correspondents say that the allied airmen are playing havoc with the German railway communications and military establishments in Belgium.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

British aviators dropped seven tons of explosives in attacks on German military establishments in Belgium.

The Italians have started another big offensive against the Austrians on the Isonzo front. On the Bainsizza plateau height positions have been stormed and taken by General Cadorna's forces.

Germany has not renounced Belgium and has not been in communication with any of her enemies, according to Berlin reports of a speech made before the reichstag main committee by Chancellor Michaelis.

A heavy artillery action has been in progress on both sides of the Meuse, Verdun sector, while on the Aisne front the German infantry attacked the French trenches, but were repulsed with considerable losses.

The German high command is evidently doing its utmost to keep the British from making the best use of their advantage in Flanders. Crown Prince Rupprecht has been launching attack after attack upon Field Marshal Haig's troops in their advanced positions, in an effort to disarrange the British plans. Similar tactics were adopted last week on the eve of the renewed British thrust.

On their front in northern France, the French are holding themselves in restraint at present, permitting the crown prince to hammer away at their lines in attacks which almost invariably are repulsed with heavy German losses.

Argentine President Against War.

Buenos Aires.—President Irigoyen regards Germany's explanation of the Luxberg incident as satisfactory and will firmly adhere to a course of neutrality for Argentina, according to a detailed outline of his position made public.

Mayor Mitchell Decides to Run.

New York.—John Purroy Mitchell, democrat, defeated in the republican primaries for renomination, announced publicly that he would run as the fusion candidate on an issue of straight Americanism.

Peru Seizes Teuton Ships.

Lima, Peru.—Peruvian naval forces were placed on board five German steamships and three German sailing vessels which have been laid up at Callao since early in the war.

CONGRESS ADOPTS BIG WAR TAX BILL

Excess War Profits and Incomes Are Chief Sources of Revenue.

Washington.—Congress finished its work on the great war tax bill late Tuesday when the senate, following the example set Monday by the house, adopted the Monday report without a vote. More than two and a half billion dollars of new taxes are levied by the measure, which has been in the making since last April.

As finally drafted after one of the longest and most strenuous struggles in congressional history, the revenue bill, which was passed by the house May 25 and by the senate after a month's debate, September 10, draws principally upon income and war excess profits. As passed by the house, it totaled \$1,808,000,000 and the senate raised it to \$2,415,000,000. The conferees' draft increased the total assessment by about \$750,000,000 over the house and \$128,000,000 above the senate.

The bill now is estimated to raise about \$850,000,000 from incomes, corporate and individual, and about \$1,000,000,000 from war excess profits. Other major levies are \$300,000,000 on tobacco; about \$275,000,000 on liquors; \$70,000,000 on first-class mail; \$60,000,000 on automobiles; \$77,500,000 on freight transportation; \$60,000,000 on passenger transportation; \$32,000,000 from stamp taxes and \$60,000,000 from amusement admissions.

Elimination of consumption taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and gas, electric and telephone service, together with house taxes on 1916 incomes and a general 10 per cent tariff levy were features of the evolution of the bill.

SENATE IS ASKED TO EXPEL LA FOLLETTE

Washington.—A communication from the governor of Minnesota and the state public safety commission requesting the expulsion from the senate of Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, was presented in the senate by Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, and referred by Vice-President Marshall to the senate privileges and elections committee.

Four other communications, one from the Washburn, Wis., and Loyalty League of Washburn, Wis., and three from individuals, demanding the impeachment of Senator La Follette were received by Vice-President Marshall and presented to the senate in the usual routine way.

Petitions from New York organizations asking expulsion from the senate of Senators La Follette, of Wisconsin; Gronna, of North Dakota, and Stone, of Missouri, were presented in the senate by Senator Wadsworth, of New York, and referred without action to the senate privileges and elections committee.

SECOND LOAN IS OFFERED

Liberty Bond Subscriptions Are Expected From 10,000,000 Individuals.

Washington.—The second Liberty Loan campaign opened Monday. For four weeks the entire nation will be a recruiting ground for money with which to carry on the war.

To obtain \$3,000,000,000 in subscriptions, the minimum set by treasury officials for the issue, a gigantic machine of many parts was set in motion with the opening of the campaign. Fifty per cent greater than the first Liberty Loan, the present offering is the largest the American people ever have been called upon to absorb. Five billion dollars and its 10,000,000 subscribers—that is the goal which officials hope to reach during the next four weeks.

Demand Over of Oregon Professor.

Eugene, Or.—Without a single dissenting vote almost 200 members of the Eugene chamber of commerce re-affirmed the resolution adopted three weeks ago demanding that Allan H. Eaton, member of the faculty of the University of Oregon and representative from Lane county, be removed from the faculty and from the state legislature because of his participation in the People's Council for Democracy and Peace held in Chicago.

London.—Last week only 13 British ships were sunk by mines or U-boats.