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

Many farmers near Silverton are building silos this fall.

Lumber shipments from Bend in the past six months have averaged 25 cars a day.

Beans in the Willamette valley near Salem are showing about 300 pounds to the acre.

A few cases of typhoid fever have developed in Klamath Falls in the past 30 days.

The 25th fall meeting of the presidency of southern Oregon met at Central Point.

Mrs. John Caviness, 38, committed suicide at her home in Baker by shooting herself with a revolver.

On and after October 15, hunting of ducks and geese in eastern Oregon will only be permitted after sunrise and before sunset.

Exercises at the unveiling of the monument marking the end of the old Oregon trail in Oregon City were held Saturday afternoon.

More than 150 tons of chittim bark has been sold to dealers in Lincoln county this year at an average price of eight cents a pound.

There is a greater supply of money on deposit in the banks of Malheur county than has ever been recorded in the history of the county.

The Lin county chapter of the Red Cross has earned \$216.96 in serving meals to drafted men en route from California to American Lake.

The Tualatin Valley Electric company was granted approximately a 10 per cent increase in its electric rates by the public service commission.

Mrs. Ernestine... a resident of Union... Pendleton was a hamlet, died at her home in Pendleton of pneumonia.

Property owners on the bottom lands west of Rainier have formed a drainage district and will reclaim about 1500 acres that are flooded every summer.

Hood River county has just completed two new bridges over Hood river, one at Trout creek and the other at Dec, at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

A meeting of representatives of all the farmers' unions of Polk county will be held in Dallas October 17 for the purpose of discussing the question of a county agent.

Senator Chamberlain is advised by the director of the geological survey that a geologist has been instructed to visit Polk county and inspect reported oil and gas indications.

At a meeting held at Toledo the proposition to bond the port to build a steam schooner for the lumber and freight-carrying business of Yaquina bay was voted down by a vote of 7 to 35.

The annual state convention of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations of Oregon will be held at Eugene this week, beginning Wednesday and closing Saturday.

Representative Willis C. Hawley has announced a competitive examination to establish a register for eligible young men for appointment to the United States military and naval academies.

Miss Elizabeth Fox, dean of women at the university of Oregon, has been named as the Oregon executive in the war work campaign being carried on by the North American student movement.

An inspection of 30,000 acres of land between Hermiston and Umatilla as a possible site for one of the additional army training camps has been ordered by the commanding officers of the western division.

An eight-hour day and an increase in wages of 20 cents a day has been granted to the platform, shop and barn men in Portland of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company by the board of arbitration.

With a bullet hole through the head the body of Dr. William R. Scott, for a number of years a practicing physician of Athena, was found in the bath room at the Claude Reeder farm home four miles east of Helix.

Although the normal forest fire season ended in central Oregon several weeks ago, fires continue to be reported, the unusual warm weather and the continued lack of rain creating conditions favorable for them.

The law exempting miners from assessment work on their claims for the

years 1917 and 1918 is now in effect. The law was enacted in order that claimants could enter the Government service or devote their time to war-sustaining vocations.

At the regular meeting of the state highway commission in November contracts probably will be let for \$600,000 worth of construction which will extend over into next year. This amount added to what has been contracted for already this year will bring the grand total up to approximately \$2,600,000.

Operating revenues of the O. W. R. & N. company for the year ending December 31, 1916, were \$18,880,259, which is an increase of \$2,881,262 over the previous year, according to the railroad company's report filed with the public service commission.

Owing to the fact that the liberty loan bond campaign continues until October 28, and is of paramount importance, President Wilson requested Herbert C. Hoover, federal food administrator, to postpone the food conservation drive, scheduled for this week, until next week. Mr. Hoover issued orders to that effect.

A jury in Federal Judge Bean's court at Portland convicted Jefferson New, of Jennings Lodge, of attempting to evade the draft by failing "willfully" to register June 5 for the army, as provided by law and a proclamation of President Wilson. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail. He is the first "slacker" to be convicted in Oregon.

Negotiations have been completed for the purchase by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company from the Shelbin-Hixon company of a tract of 22,000 acres of timber east of the Paulina mountains. Included in the transaction are 5000 acres belonging to John J. Rupp, of Saginaw, Mich. The total stumpage involved is 370,000,000 feet.

Owing to the shortage of feed on the high desert and dry land sections of Crook and Deschutes counties, large numbers of jackrabbits are collecting about the ranches in the irrigated fields and are feeding on the grain.

County Agriculturalist R. A. Ward has planned the third annual jackrabbit campaign to commence next month.

Petitions to the governor of Oregon praying that the hunting season for deer be extended in the first district from October 15 to October 31 were generally signed in Lincoln county. Hunters argue that, owing to forest fires, much of the season was closed by gubernatorial orders, and that the extension prayed for will be in the interests of food conservation.

Because they have failed to comply with a law passed by the 1917 legislature imposing upon them the duty of filing certain data with the secretary of state, no less than 15 Oregon county clerks are subject to removal from office by the governor. The counties in which the clerks are delinquent are: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Morrow, Tillamook, Umatilla and Wheeler.

Farmers of western Oregon whose land is in need of agricultural lime can have but little hope for early relief from the state lime board, according to Warden Charles E. Murphy of the state penitentiary, who is secretary of the board. Nothing definite has been accomplished by the board since its creation by the 1917 legislature, which appropriated \$20,000 to be used in acquiring a lime deposit and preparing the product for agricultural use.

Six post road projects in eastern Oregon will be submitted to the federal government by the state highway commission for joint construction. They are the following: From Pendleton to Deadman hill, on the Pendleton-La Grande highway; from Union to Telocasset; from Elgin to Minim, on the La Grande-Joseph highway; from Shaniko to Hay Creek; from Fossil to Service, and from Dayville to Prairie City, on the John Day highway.

Morris Roon of Junction City, in a letter to the attorney general, says dogs are killing his sheep and he is poisoning the dogs with very good success, but he wants to know if there is any law authorizing a stockman to put out poison for dogs under such circumstances. Roon says some of the dogs he has poisoned were pets and he has been threatened with dire trouble, but so far no one has filed suit against him. He has lost about \$450 worth of sheep and has poisoned 15 dogs.

An Item of Waste.
"Are you economizing?"
"I'm not sure. Like a lot of other people, I'm wasting precious time discussing the high cost of living when I ought to be hustling for the price."
—Washington Star.



Cartoon by Seed, Courtesy of Oregon Journal

U. S. TO INSURE ITS FIGHTING MEN

Policies Will Be Written on Lives of Men and Women Between 15 and 65.

Washington.—Samples of the insurance policy which the government will write for its soldiers and sailors were made public by the war risk insurance bureau of the treasury department.

Details of the policy disclosed that risks will be written upon the lives of men and women between the age of 15 and 65 in all branches of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, naval reserve, national naval volunteers, nurses and "any other branches of the United States forces serving with the army and navy."

Premiums, computed on a monthly basis, vary between 63 cents per \$1000 at age 15 to \$3.35 per \$1000 at age 65.

During periods of total disability the insurance will be paid, not in one lump sum, but monthly for 20 years, should the disability continue for that period. Should death occur before 20 years, the remainder of the policy will be paid at once to the beneficiary.

Provision is made for family allowances, for wounded and cripples, for compensation in case of death or injury without cost and for insurance at very little cost.

In cases of partial disability, the amount of compensation is determined by a schedule to be based upon the extent of the impairment of earning capacity. Total disability payments are to be increased above the figures named in the policy where the insured has dependents.

The policies will be issued in multiples of \$500, no policy, however, to be less than \$1000.

GOVERNMENT TAKES SHIPS

American Craft of More Than 2500 Tons Capacity are Requisitioned

Washington.—Practically all ships in overseas trade, flying the American flag, will eventually come under government control.

This was stated in government circles here, following formal notice that ships of 2500 tons or over will be requisitioned. If the war continues, vessels of 1000 tons will be taken over. The data for this move is already in possession of the shipping board.

Four hundred and fifty-eight ships, aggregating 2,871,359 tons, are placed exclusively at the government's disposal by the order effective next week. They will be operated by their present owners, but with charter and freight rates already fixed by the government.

Efficiency for war purposes, not the owner's profit, will be the sole purpose in guiding the ships' future use.

President Urges Gold Mobilization.

Washington.—Mobilization of the gold of the nation under the supervision of the federal reserve board through taking of membership in the system by all eligible non-member state banks and trust companies, was called for in an appeal made by President Wilson.

Stockyards in Kansas City Burned.

Kansas City, Mo.—More than half of the Kansas City stock yards, the second largest in the country, was destroyed by fire. It was estimated after the fire had been brought under control after two hours, that several thousand head of cattle had been destroyed.

Politics Permitted in Military Camps.

Washington.—The war department has issued orders to allow representatives of political parties to campaign in the various military camps.

WOMAN SLUGGER IN SEATTLE

Residents of Outlying Districts Are Alarmed Over Attacks on Women

Seattle.—The discovery late Sunday afternoon of the body of a woman who had been murdered at least two months ago and dragged into thick brush near the north end of the city spread fresh terror among residents of the outlying districts, already keyed up to a high pitch of excitement by the activity of a woman slugger.

Residents in outlying districts have been thrown into a state of terror by activities of the woman slugger.

Acting under the authority of the city council, Mayor Gill offered a reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of the person or persons who have brought terror to Seattle by attacks on women in their homes and on the streets of Seattle.

The slugger has claimed nine victims in the last two weeks.

WHEAT CROP PLACED AT 659,707,000 BU.

Washington.—Of this year's wheat crop, only 77,696,000 bushels, or about 11.8 per cent, will be left for export to the allies and neutrals after the requirements of the United States are filled, unless Americans heed the call of the food administration and curtail their consumption.

Experts of the bureau of crop estimates, in calculating this year's theoretical wheat surplus, have placed the consumption at 10 per cent less than the normal of 5.3 bushels, as this year's conditions resemble those of 1916, when the apparent per capita consumption was about 4.75 bushels. For the estimated population of the country—103,635,000 people—the requirement on that basis is 494,530,000 bushels. Seed requirements they estimate at 87,271,000 bushels.

This year's wheat crop, from the preliminary estimates, is 659,707,000 bushels, and the total requirements of the United States is placed at 582,101,000 bushels, leaving 77,696,000 bushels surplus. The food administration estimated the allied countries will have a deficiency of more than 400,000,000 bushels of wheat, basing their estimate on normal requirements.

TAFT ASKS FOR SUPPORT

Forces Working for Premature Peace Are Attacked.

Chicago.—Forces, both in and out of congress, working for a premature peace were attacked by William H. Taft, president of the League to Enforce Peace, in a speech delivered here under the auspices of the liberty loan committee.

In his appeal for the support of the liberty loan Mr. Taft said:

"This liberty loan does not ask for a real sacrifice from anybody. It asks the wage-earners, the men on salary, the men of moderate means, the men of wealth, to save money or to take from their savings which they have invested and invest them in the bonds of the government, which pay a good interest, free from taxes, and which will be a source of income to themselves and their families as long as they can keep the principal."

Nearly Three Billions Spent.

Washington.—Government expenses since July 1 total \$2,921,075,341, or \$500,000,000 more than treasury receipts during that period. The greatest item was the total loans to the allies, amounting to more than \$1,500,000,000.

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