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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Northwest Society of Highway Engineers will gather at Salem Saturday.

The second annual Polk county corn show will be held in Independence December 21 and 22.

A number of prominent citizens of Roseburg have organized the American Defense Society.

Sarah C. Gaines, for 76 years a resident of Oregon, died at her home in Portland at the age of 77.

The state irrigation securities commission Monday started on a tour of all the projects in central Oregon.

Horace Kerr, son of President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, died at his home in Denver, Colo.

Regular boat service on the upper Willamette has been resumed after a four months' layoff on account of low water.

County clerks from all parts of the state met in Portland this week to attend the annual convention of county clerks.

The annual convention of the Oregon association of county judges and county commissioners opened in Portland Tuesday.

Presley Comegys, one of the best known pioneers of Lane county, died at his home in Eugene at the age of 87 years.

Linn county contributed \$3020.50 to the state game fund from the issuance of licenses in the first 11 months of this year.

Cyrus H. Walker, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains, Friday celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday at his home in Albany.

Drill at the University of Oregon will be taken up this term under the rules and regulations of the United States reserve officers' training camp.

Roseburg was selected as the next meeting place of the Oregon State Horticultural society at a session of that society in annual convention at Salem.

Rabid coyotes are again a menace in Lake county and ranchers and stock owners are becoming alarmed at the many depredations that are being reported.

The Farmers' Union of Oregon will initiate a bill to repeal the road bonding measure to the end that the last \$3,000,000 proposed cannot be raised and spent.

With more than 200 delegates from all sections of eastern Oregon in attendance, the seventh annual session of the Older Boys' conference convened at La Grande.

In line with other development throughout Coos county, a new coal mine will be opened at a point seven miles below Coquille, contiguous to water shipping.

The preparation of corn as a wartime food is being made a feature for women in connection with the Western Oregon Corn Show being held in Eugene this week.

Physicians from every part of the Willamette valley attended the banquet and semi-annual meeting of the Central Willamette Valley Medical association at Albany.

L. S. Hinds of Wasco, Gilliam county, has purchased the Cornett ranch containing 18,000 acres in the Powell-Butte country in Crook county. The price was reported to be \$40,000.

The first annual hotel exposition of the Oregon State Hotel Men's association, which was held in Portland, was marked by the presence of hotel men from more than 40 Oregon towns.

One meatless and wheatless meal each day in addition to the wheatless and meatless days of each week, and one porkless day are the latest orders received from Herbert Hoover.

Representative McArthur has introduced a bill adding to the Bull Run forest reserve all Oregon & California grant lands lying within its boundaries. This bill is designed to protect Portland's water supply.

One of the 441 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending December 6 were fatal. The fatal case was J. B. Powell, of Portland, killed in shipbuilding operations.

All retailers engaged in a jobbing business are classed as "wholesalers," and will, accordingly, have to take out a wholesaler's license, say official instructions received by W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon.

Representative Johnson of Washington will introduce a bill in congress

to postpone opening of the Oregon and California grant lands until one year after the end of the war and to grant preference rights to soldiers and sailors.

The last of the rural credits fund—\$3000—has been loaned by the state land board. In view of the fact that state bonds cannot now be sold at par, it is not likely that the board will issue any more rural credits bonds until full value can be realized on them.

Dr. J. R. Anderson, of The Dalles, member of the house of representatives from Hood River and Wasco counties, has announced that he would seek the gubernatorial nomination on the republican ticket in the primary election next May.

The taxable value of all property in the state, as shown by the 1917 assessments, is \$928,605,579.36, which is an increase of \$49,831,628.65 over the assessed value of last year, according to figures completed by the state tax commission.

With the re-election of W. B. Harratt as president and J. O. Hager as secretary-treasurer, and the selection of C. A. Minor as vice president, the annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association came to a close at The Dalles.

A total of \$83,706,898.89 in deposits in the Portland banks and trust companies as of November 20 is shown in a report made by Superintendent of Banks Sargent. That is an increase of \$5,726,265.54 over the last call of September 11.

The first shipment of paper from the new pulp and paper mill on Youngs' Bay was sent to Portland, where the product will be made into paper boxes. The mill is now running at full capacity and is producing about 12 tons of chipboard per day.

Orders adjudicating 203 water rights involving 67,700 acres of land, adjacent to the Willamette river, was issued by the water board, and also adjudicating water rights for 10,000 acres of land adjacent to Trout creek, in Jefferson county. The first named lands are in Harney valley.

After deliberating for nearly 20 hours the jury in the damage case brought by former County Judge J. R. Messick of Baker county against a number of prominent Baker men for \$30,000, failed to agree and was discharged. The case went to the jury after an eight-day trial.

More than 40,000 acres will be added to the productive area of Union county by the action of the county commissioners in creating the Grand Ronde drainage district for the purpose of eliminating future danger from flood waters from the Grande Ronde river and its tributary streams.

The Malheur Livestock & Land company has filed an application with State Engineer Lewis for the appropriation of water from Crowley creek and the construction of a reservoir. The project contemplates the irrigation of 1900 acres of land and the estimated cost of this work is \$85,000.

The six day pruning school, taking the place of the annual horticultural short course, began Monday morning at the Oregon Agricultural college, being given early in order that the men taking the course will have an opportunity to put their newly accumulated knowledge into practice on their own orchards this winter.

D. C. H. Bailey, of Roseburg, was elected president of the State Horticultural society at its session at Salem. Ben S. Worsley, of Astoria, was elected vice president, and C. D. Minton, was re-elected secretary. Colonel H. E. Dosch, of McMinnville, was named trustee. The society decided to hold its next convention at Roseburg.

During the last six months 9377 accidents, of which 86 were fatal, and all subject to the workmen's compensation law, were reported to the state industrial accident commission. This shows that at the present time in the industrial operations of the state an average of approximately 50 men are injured each working day, and more than three men are killed each week.

For 135 miles grading will be done on the Columbia river highway next year. This will open the road from Pendleton to The Dalles. There will be work between The Dalles and Hood River and some time in June the grading will be completed from Hood River to Cascade Locks, and from there on to the Pacific ocean the highway will be able to handle traffic.

In a communication dispatched to all loggers, employers and employees, in Oregon and Washington, Colonel Bruce P. Disque, commanding the spruce production division of the signal corps, declared that to date not to exceed 50 per cent of the necessary timber is being taken from the woods. He asks that there be no shutdown during the holidays except on December 24, 25

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SUMMONS

A request from the United States food administration asking the state board of control to make purchases of flour from month to month, instead of every six months, will not result in action at this time. The law compels the board to purchase its supplies every six months, and the act will be followed until the federal government makes further observance of the law impossible.

The secretary of war, in a letter to Representative McArthur, announced that he will not order a survey of the Lower Willamette and Columbia rivers to determine the cost and necessity for a 35-foot channel from Portland to the sea. On advice of Colonel Zinn, district engineer officer at Portland, and the river and harbor board, the secretary without survey decides that it is not advisable to take steps looking to a 35-foot channel until the 30-foot channel has been shown to be inadequate.

Embargo on Lumber From Northwest.
Seattle.—That an embargo has been placed on the exportation of all Douglas fir lumber which can be utilized in government war work, for airplanes and wooden ships, was revealed here with the official announcement of an organization to administer it. It is said the embargo will not operate to curtail the output of the mills, being designed solely to speed up production and conservation of lumber products required for war industries.

British Capture Jerusalem.
London.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, had surrendered.

Ecuador Breaks With the Kaiser.
Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Ecuador has severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$55.50 a ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$54 a ton.
Corn—Whole, \$84; cracked, \$85.
Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.
Butter—Creamery, 45c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 4c per doz.
Poultry—Hens, large, 19@20c; small, 17@18c; geese, 12@14c; ducks, 17@18c; turkeys, live, 20@22c.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
Olof Carlson, Plaintiff, vs. Betty Carlson, Defendant.

To Betty Carlson, Defendant above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before Friday, the 28th day of December, 1917, which date is eleven weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons. And you will take notice that if you fail to answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for therein, namely: for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made and filed herein by Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, on the 5th day of October, 1917. The first publication of this summons will be made on Friday, the 12th day of October, 1917, and the last publication will be made on Friday, the 28th day of December, 1917. Publication hereof will be made for eleven consecutive weeks.

Dated this 5th day of October, A. D. 1917.

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U. S. DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA

Resolution Goes Through Congress Speedily and is Signed By Wilson.

Washington.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary was formally declared.

Congress, with one dissenting vote in the house, adopted and President Wilson approved a resolution declaring existence of a state of war between the "imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States" and authorizing the president to employ the nation's armed forces and pledging its resources to victory.

Representative London, socialist, of New York, who cast the one negative vote, explained his opposition by stating that he was pledged to that course by the Socialist party. Caustic criticism of his position enlivened the public proceedings.

Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, who opposed war with Germany, was absent when the rollcall was taken and did not vote.

In accord with President Wilson's suggestion action in respect to Turkey and Bulgaria, Germany's other allies, was left to the future. Widespread demand in congress for their inclusion in the declaration was indicated in both senate and house debate, but when the roll calls came, the president's advice was followed in a demonstration of American unity and harmony.

U. S. DESTROYER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Washington.—Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley, brother-in-law of Secretary Daniels, and Lieutenant Norman Scott, were among the survivors rescued after the sinking of the American destroyer Jacob Jones by a German submarine in the war zone.

These two officers, two warrant officers and two enlisted men were named in Admiral Sims' dispatch as survivors in addition to the 27 others reported saved. Officially, 44 of 119 or more officers and men on board are known to have survived, including one unidentified man picked up and carried off by the submarine that struck the blow.

The report indicates that the craft stumbled into the path of the submarine by unlucky chance, and that the torpedo went home in such a vital spot that the vessel was sinking even as the flare of the explosion died out. Night was at hand. There was no time to make provision against the cold and the sea as the crew leaped to the life rafts.

MIDDLE WEST HAS WINTER

Zero Temperatures Prevail From the Rockies to Alleghenies.

Chicago.—The middle west was in the grip of winter. Zero temperatures prevailed from the Rockies to the Alleghenies and as far south as the Ohio river valley. A heavy snowfall and high wind accompanied the cold snap in many sections.

The advent of below zero weather put an end to traffic on the Great Lakes, as the harbors are frozen. Much iron and copper ore, badly needed in munitions factories, will have to be transported by rail.

Dispatches from Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, upper Wisconsin and Wyoming tell of the coldest weather of the season, dropping in some instances to 28 degrees below zero.

Prohibition Upheld By Supreme Court
Washington.—With a decision upholding the Idaho prohibition law, the supreme court gave an opinion which may be one of the most far-reaching victories for "bone dry" prohibition yet recorded. It was held that a citizen has no constitutional right to possess liquors for his personal use if the state wishes to forbid it.

Leasing and Power Measures in House
Washington.—The administration mineral leasing and water-power development bills, which have heretofore passed the house, but failed of passing the senate, were re-introduced by Chairman Ferris, of the house public lands committee.

Social dance tomorrow evening at Weston opera house.