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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Eastern Oregon is experiencing its first winter weather of the 1917-18 season.

Military drill is a part of the regular college work at Willamette University at Salem.

Mrs. W. Hudkins of Albany has knitted 26 sweaters for the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Charles Lyman Barnes, one of the most widely known citizens of Polk county, died in Dallas, aged 58.

The Grants Pass high school debating team won the triangular debate between Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Mid-year commencement exercises of the Eugene high school, customary in former years, were abandoned this year.

Sheep raising is to be a feature of the industrial club work among the school children of Klamath county the coming year.

The Washington County Patriotic council was recently organized by representative men from various parts of the county.

The first annual convention of the Oregon Greeters, a hotel clerks' organization, was held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fire which originated in the Odd-fellows' building wiped out half of the business section of Ione. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Thomas F. Ryan, assistant state treasurer, has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination as state treasurer.

Retail hardware dealers from all parts of Oregon will gather at Portland January 22 to 25 for the 12th annual convention of their association.

Dr. J. W. Meredith, 85 years old, and for 46 years a practicing dentist in Salem, where he continued his practice during the entire time in one office, is dead.

Applications for \$250,000 worth of loans have been made by 85 members of the Lewis and Clark Farm Loan association of Clatsop county since April 9, 1917.

Polk county farmers are puzzled over recent heavy losses of sheep. While it is known that dogs are doing the work, there has appeared no effective way to find the dogs.

Arnold Sandos, in a fit of anger, shot and killed his brother-in-law, Lewis Chase, at the ranch home of his father, Alfonso Sandos, on Mill creek, five miles south of The Dalles.

The building of 40 miles of track on the Valley & Siletz railway, between Independence and the Siletz basin, has opened up the largest body of yellow fir timber on any one watershed in the state.

In a formal statement, Representative C. N. McArthur, of Portland, has announced his candidacy for renomination upon a platform pledging continued support of the government's war program.

The Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has exceeded its quota in the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals by more than \$2000, the total returns being \$12,161.86. The quota was \$10,000.

Another big logging camp will be opened at once on the coast mountains west of Eugene, for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, adding largely to the output of logs for the company's big plant at Springfield.

On the morning that the daily papers told of the worst blizzard of years in the east G. W. McFarland brought into Cottage Grove a tomato which had ripened in his garden and which he had found that morning.

Charles H. Graff, for six years president of the state federation of labor and for ten years deputy state labor commissioner, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination as state labor commissioner.

One hundred per cent organized in logging camps and lumber mills is the record for Coos county, it is reported. The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, a patriotic organization, now has a total of 3821 members.

Never before in their history were the factories of Oregon in a condition as prosperous as at present. In nearly all cases they are running to capacity, and many of them have orders booked which it will require months to fill.

Under the probability that several Coos Bay sawmills will go on double shift soon in order to aid the airplane

and ship timber production, several hundred extra men must be housed. Fifty houses could be rented if available.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette University, has been given a six months' leave of absence by the trustees of that institution to go to France, investigate the conditions there and return to America to assist in acquainting the public with such conditions. During his absence Dean George H. Aiden will act as president of the school.

Representative Hawley has been advised that a preliminary examination made in Yamhill and Polk counties by H. S. Gale, of the United States geological survey, showed numerous indications of natural gas, but no indications of oil.

Estimates published at the San Francisco office of the United States geological survey, concerning the mineral output of the state of Oregon, are in many instances contradictory, unreliable and unfair, according to H. M. Parks, of the Oregon bureau of mines.

A tract of spruce in the Westlake district near Florence, which will cruise 60 per cent clear spruce and produce from 80,000,000 to 50,000,000 feet of spruce timber has been discovered and steps are being made to begin logging operations in the near future.

William Chandler, 50, was shot and killed, and Mrs. Amanda Bonner, 47, was probably fatally wounded in Portland by W. H. Clark, 51, an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of Mrs. Bonner. Clark then turned his pistol on himself and fell dead with a bullet in his brain.

Grazing for 25,000 head of Oregon sheep in the national forests of Idaho is provided in an agreement reached by T. P. Mackenzie, in charge of grazing privileges in the national forests of Oregon and Washington, and a representative of forest district 2, in a conference at Missoula, Mont.

Engineers have completed a third survey of a proposed route for the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier. The new survey, referred to as the compromise route, reaches a maximum elevation of 400 feet. The total distance of the proposed new route is approximately seven miles.

Attorney General Brown has advised Governor Withycombe to direct the district attorney of Multnomah county to institute proceedings in the name of the state, upon leave granted by the circuit court for Multnomah county, to annul the charter of the Portland Stewards' association because of its many convictions for gambling.

H. P. Scheel and William McArthur, of Tenino, Washington, have submitted a proposal to the citizens of Marshfield to establish a coal briquetting and by-products plant with an initial capacity of 160 tons daily, to employ at the start from 50 to 75 men and within a year agree to have a \$250,000 industry operating. The plant would operate entirely on the slack coal which is wasted at the various mines.

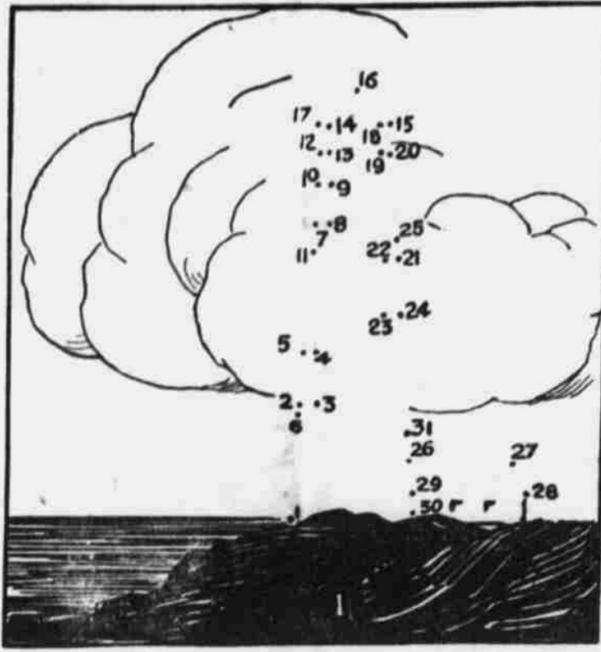
A total of 517 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending January 10, of which number, six were fatal. One of the deaths reported was due to an accident sustained prior to the week covered by the report. The fatalities were: Henry J. Bauer, steelworker, Portland; J. Johnson, Astoria; F. N. Ellsworth, Mill City, and J. O. Brown, Harrisburg, loggers and Joe Pappas, Astoria, passenger.

Jackson county cannot be considered as lying east of the Cascade mountains, in the application of chapter 255, laws of 1915, which provides that no bull, except a pure bred bull of a recognized beef breed, can run at large on ranges of the counties east of the mountains. A small part of the county lies east of the main divide of the mountains. State Veterinarian Lytle asked the attorney general for an opinion on the question, with the above result.

Purchases and household supplies of flour are limited to one-fourth barrel; definite limits are placed on sugar sales by wholesale dealers, and a full complement of county chairmen to aid in enforcing food regulations are announced in a letter mailed to every retail and wholesale grocery dealer in Oregon by W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator. Administrator Ayer says in his letter that the more stringent restrictions are not promulgated because of existing shortage, but merely to conserve the supply.

A number of important steps in fitting state regulations of railroads to the system of federal control were taken by the public service commission at its last meeting, foremost among which was the acquiescence in the demurrage order issued by Director-General McAdoo and giving to the

## Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 26



An anchor, which you drew in your last picture, is a queer looking article, isn't it, children? Yet when anchors are dropped to the bottom of the sea they hold fast the biggest warships. Frequently when there is a gale blowing and a fog at sea captains of ships don't know where they are going. On dark nights they look for some sign of warning to keep off dangerous reefs and rocks. You can draw the picture now of something that has saved thousands of lives. Start your pencil at No. 1 and you'll get an interesting picture.

Pacific car demurrage bureau authority to publish the demurrage rules accordingly. These new rules start demurrage charges at \$3 a car and go as high as \$10 a day, while the state rules start at \$2 a car and go only as high as \$4 a day. The federal rules will become effective January 21.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill at the request of the aircraft production board authorizing the president, as a war measure, to take possession of privately-owned timber that may be required for any government purpose, particularly for shipbuilding and the construction of airplanes, and to pay the owners of such timber a fair recompense. The powers conferred upon the president are to be delegated by him to the secretary of war, secretary of the navy, and chairman of the shipping board. These officials will be empowered, under the bill, when in need of lumber or logs of particular dimensions to furnish specifications to loggers and lumbermen, who will be required to furnish the logs or lumber called for.

suicide for a long time but I never had a good reason. Yesterday I went out and made myself a reason."

The murders in the bank were committed some time after 8:30 at night. Cashier Kearney Wornall of the bank, who had been terribly battered and cut by the murderer, stumbled from the bank covered with blood and fell at the feet of a passing sentry. He declared that a man in a captain's uniform had killed four men in the bank and had fled.

Fingerprints of the murderer were found in the bank. Because of Wornall's declaration that a man in a captain's uniform had done the killing, all captains at the post were ordered to report. It was soon after this order was issued that Whistler's body was found in his room in the officers' barracks.

### BRIEF WAR NEWS

For the first time in many months British aviators have carried out an air raid on Karlsruhe, capital of Baden. The raid was made in the daytime.

President Wilson's address has been widely printed and commented on by Petrograd newspapers. The Bolshevik newspapers are divided in their opinion.

Yarmouth, on the English coast, was bombarded from the sea, it is announced officially. About 20 shells fell in the city. Three persons were killed and 10 injured.

The British destroyer Raccoon struck rocks off the Irish coast on Wednesday and foundered, it is announced officially. All those on board the Raccoon when the vessel sank were lost.

Winter has settled down in earnest over all the important war fronts, and beyond artillery actions, which are being carried out over very limited sections, there has been little fighting either in the west or the east.

The British empire has enrolled 7,500,000 fighting and labor battalion forces during the war, according to a statement in the house of commons, and now has more than 4,000,000 enrolled, but needs more men to hold its own against the enemy until the American strength is available.

Control of the destinies of the German empire, press accounts from neutral countries agree, is passing into the hands of the militarists or the leaders who want to hold what has been gained by might and the sword. The militarists and pan-Germans are demanding the dismissal of Dr. von Kuehlmann, foreign secretary, who has headed the German delegations at Brest-Litovsk.

### To Protect Farmers,

Washington.—To prevent the control of national farm loan associations from getting out of the hands of the farmers who formed them, the federal farm loan board has passed a ruling forbidding election of directors by proxy voting, the board announced.

## FLOUR HOARDING BARRED BIG FIGHT OVER MUNITIONS CHIEF

Washington State Food Administrator Issues Regulations.

Spokane.—Overstocking of flour by families and individuals in Washington was put under the ban by Charles Heberd, state food administrator. He announced that retail sales of flour to families in towns and cities are limited to quarter-barrel lots and to farmers from one-half barrel to one barrel, depending on the distance from the point of supply.

For larger supplies than one barrel requested by those living at distant points from supply bases permission must be secured. Hotels and restaurants may be sold a 10 days' supply.

Advertisements tending to induce increased purchases of flour and sugar are declared by Mr. Heberd to be against public policy.

### Canners Included in License System.

Washington.—By proclamation of President Wilson the food administration's licensing system has been extended to include canners, manufacturers of wheat and rye products, dealers in feed and malt, and professional salt-water fishermen. Persons, firms and corporations affected are requested under a penalty to obtain licenses by February 15.

### Explosion Averted by Capture of Spy.

Norfolk, Va.—Naval intelligence officers here arrested Walter Spoermann, suspected of being an active figure in plots. According to the story unofficially told, the man was arrested Saturday while in the act of attempting to blow up a magazine in the unfinished army aviation field under construction.

### THE MARKETS

#### Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$60.25 ton. Barley—Standard feed, \$55 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76. Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$23.50. Butter—Creamery, 50c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 47c per dozen. Potatoes—\$1.25@1.35 per hundred. Poultry—Hens, 24½c; geese, 15@17c; ducks, 20@25c; turkeys, live, 24c.

#### Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 53c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 54c per doz. Potatoes—\$32@35 per ton. Poultry—Hens, 25@27c; dressed, 28@30c; broilers, 30c; turkeys, live, 28@30c; dressed, 36@38c.

### SENATOR BRADY



United States Senator James M. Brady of Idaho, who died at his home in Washington from heart disease.

### Fewer Deaths Reported At Camp.

Tacoma.—Health conditions at Camp Lewis improved considerably in the last week, according to the report issued by the division surgeon. There were five deaths, including one from pneumonia and one from meningitis. The cases of communicable diseases total 146 among 31,800 men. German measles and scarlet fever showed a marked decrease.

### \$2,000,000 More is Loaned to Serbia.

Washington.—The treasury department advanced \$2,000,000 more to Serbia, making a total of \$8,000,000 lent that country since the outbreak of the war.

### President and Congress Disagree Over Demand For Munitions Ministry.

Washington.—President Wilson and congress are about to grapple in what promises to be one of the hottest grapples between these ancient rivals.

A large element in congress believes the war can't be won without a munitions minister. The president and secretary believe it can.

Direct notice that the fight is on was served on congress by Secretary of War Baker. He told the senate military affairs committee he opposed creation of a munitions ministry, as proposed in Senator Chamberlain's bill.

Baker's statement closely followed word from the White House that the president also is against the bill. Presumably the president's reason is that assigned by Baker—that recent reorganization of the purchasing and supply ends of the war department has accomplished everything the creation of a munitions ministry could do.

With Wadsworth, Weeks and Frelinghuysen, republicans, and Chamberlain, McKellar and Hitchcock, democrats, leading the fight for the bill, the struggle will assume a strictly non-partisan aspect.

### Would Draft More Young Men.

At the request of the United States war department, Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military committee introduced a bill for the registration for military duty of all men who have become 21 years old since June 5, 1917, when the draft law went into effect.

Another bill which Senator Chamberlain introduced at the request of the administration would provide for harvesting crops and other agricultural duty.

Another bill would put the quota of the states on the basis of available men in the first class instead of population.

In determining upon the registration of men who have become 21 since the draft law was enacted, the war department has rejected any plan to raise the age limit of the draft to take in men more than 31.

### National Suffrage Nearer Realization.

Woman suffrage was a step nearer realization as the result of the victory in the house when a resolution was adopted authorizing submission to the states of the Susan B. Anthony amendment for national enfranchisement of women.

The resolution was sent to the senate. Recent polls of the senate indicate that the necessary two-thirds could not be mustered there, and a vote may not be forced until advocates find they have the strength with which to put it through. A similar resolution was voted down by the senate several years ago.

### EAST IN GRIP OF BLIZZARD

States From Canada to Gulf Suffer and Railroad Traffic Paralyzed.

Chicago.—A blizzard extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rocky mountains to the Alleghenies and accompanied by low temperatures, ranging from 37 below at O'Neill, Neb., to 12 above zero at San Antonio, Tex., paralyzed steam railroad and streetcar traffic at many points.

Many deaths and hundreds of cases of frostbite were reported. Ten deaths occurred here, directly attributable to the storm, and more than 100 persons were treated for frozen hands and feet.

Railroad transportation was paralyzed in an area extending from Buffalo nearly to the Rockies, and from Canada south into Kentucky and Tennessee.

By official order of the president of the Chicago school board all Chicago schools will be closed this week. Every school boy who is large enough is urged to turn to and help dig Chicago out of its drift. It is expected that 60,000 boys will be added to the city's snowshovellers.

### Waste of Food to Be Stopped by Law.

Washington.—Bills to amend the food law so as to empower the food administration to compel observance of wasteful and needless days, or any other measures it prescribes, were introduced by Representative Lever and Senator Pomerene, acting for the administration.

Social dance tomorrow evening.

### JULES CAMBON



Jules Cambon, former ambassador to the United States, now director of the American department of the French government.

### SLAYER OF FOUR KILLS HIMSELF

Camp Funston, Kan.—Captain Lewis Whistler of the 354th infantry, became his own executioner after suspicion had been directed at him as the probable murderer of four men in the bank at the national army camp here who were hacked to death with a hatchet. Whistler shot and killed himself with an army revolver after he had written a note in which he said: "I have been thinking of committing