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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Jitneys again have made their appearance in Portland.

James Ellison, resident of Albany for the past 40 years, died there, aged 80 years.

The Farmers' Creamery company of Carlton is installing a plant for the manufacture of cottage cheese.

The president sent to the senate the renominations of Edith B. Ward, postmaster at Stafield, and B. C. Small, postmaster at Turner.

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, was elected president of the Northwest Society of Engineers at a meeting held in Portland.

George G. Watta, a Corvallis soldier, and Private Claude D. Perrin, of Monroe, with the American expeditionary forces in France, died of pneumonia.

The Oregon penitentiary service flag has 15 stars and the 16th is soon to be added, as another prisoner has just been pardoned to fight for his country.

Two of Douglas county's pioneers died last week. T. G. Dubell, 86 years old, passed away at Riddle, and Grafton Worthington died at Myrtle Creek.

An organized effort is under way for the draining of 3500 acres of land in the southwestern corner of Marion county, known as the Ankeny bottom.

The consolidation of Oregon rural schools as a wartime measure of economy is advised strongly by the Oregon normal school department of rural education.

Oregon farmers prospered so exceedingly during the past year that they are from 25 to 100 per cent better off than they were a year ago, according to estimates.

Mandius Olsen, owner of the fine Newell farm and stock ranch at Seghers, a few miles south of Forest Grove, died at his home from the results of self-inflicted wounds made by a razor blade.

Bend will be the convention city of the Oregon State Federation of Labor in 1919. That was decided by the unanimous vote of the delegates attending the fifteenth annual convention at Astoria.

Fifty-four men and women gave cuticle from their limbs for a skin-grafting operation designed to save the life of Harry G. Weiger, a soldier of the spruce division, at St. Vincent's hospital at Portland.

The best record of any rural mail carrier in Oregon in the sale of war savings stamps is claimed by Roy Hanville, mail carrier on route No. 2 out of Newberg. One day last week his sales amounted to between \$1200 and \$1300.

The car service committee has advised Senator Chamberlain that instructions have been sent the local car committee at Seattle to investigate and take steps to remedy the car shortage complained of by lumber mills at Baker.

The authorities at Astoria have doubled the military guards about the mills, wharves and warehouses in the city. It is thought this action was taken with a view of preventing any disloyal act by German sympathizers or agents.

Sergeant George H. Mullin, of Portland, who, according to press dispatches captured a "pill-box" single-handed, and rushed a sniper's post, destroying the garrison, on the western front, is a nephew of Mrs. J. M. Shelley, of Eugene.

The last legislature changed the law relative to Arbor day so that it will hereafter be observed on the second Friday in February in all schools west of the Cascade range and on the second Friday in April in schools east of the mountains.

Tillamook county interests are taking up with the state highway commission a proposal that a serviceable automobile road be constructed through the Grand Ronde Indian reservation to tap the extensive spruce regions of the county.

During the past week 504 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission. Of this number, four were fatal, as follows: Jack Allonius, Astoria, shipbuilder; A. E. Breodon, Portland, shipbuilder; Ankle Youm, Sheridan, logger.

On account of war conditions, three of Forest Grove's leading churches will have only one pastor. To this end steps were taken toward organizing the three churches—Methodist, Christian and Congregational—into one federated

church during the war period.

For the purpose of developing a better system for the settlement of agricultural and bogged-off lands of the state, Governor Withycombe has created a new non-salaried commission, to be known as the Oregon Land Settlement commission. The commission includes State Treasurer Kay, Salem; O. M. Clark, Portland; William Hanley, Burns; Emory Olmstead, Portland; J. D. Farrell, Portland; Whitney L. Boise, Portland; and William Pollman, Baker.

Governor Withycombe has declared himself in sympathy with a movement on foot to create some sort of a board or commission to have general charge of raising donations for war needs, to avoid duplication in the work.

Consumers are taken to task by Food Administrator W. H. Ayer for failure to follow more closely the food conservation suggestions. Mr. Ayer says that the consumers can be of great assistance in carrying out the national conservation plan if they will exercise greater self denial.

A big timber deal was consummated last week, when the Clark & Wilson Lumber company, of Linnton, purchased several thousand acres of timber land in Columbia county, Oregon, at a price approximating \$500,000. The Fir Tree Lumber company and the Appledale Land company sold the properties.

Governor Withycombe will be asked to call a special state election to be held in conjunction with the primary nominating election May 17, that Oregon voters by the enactment of appropriate legislation under the initiative may provide a means by which soldiers and sailors enlisting from this state may participate in future elections in their home state.

Representative Sinnott has brought to the attention of Railroad Director McAdoo the need for federal assistance in completing the railroad from Bend to Klamath Falls. There is now a gap of 40 or 50 miles beyond Kirk. If the government is going to aid in financing new and important railroad construction, Mr. Sinnott urges that this road be aided.

The secretary of agriculture has advised Representative Hawley that no seed can be sent to Cottage Grove for the purpose of reseeding to suitable grass a large area of land west of that city and east of the Siuslaw valley, which was burned over by forest fires last fall. Residents of Cottage Grove had agreed to sow the seed if the government would furnish it.

Several county stock inspectors in various parts of the state will find their official position knocked from under them, State Veterinarian Lytle says, as the result of an opinion by Attorney-General Brown. The attorney-general holds that the old act providing for county stock inspectors is repealed by implication by later statutes providing for county veterinarians.

Attorney-General Gregory has issued general instructions for the information of German aliens who must register either with the chief of police or the postmaster between February 4 and 9, both inclusive. These instructions are designed to inform those covered in the registration that has been ordered and are expected to simplify that registration when it is made.

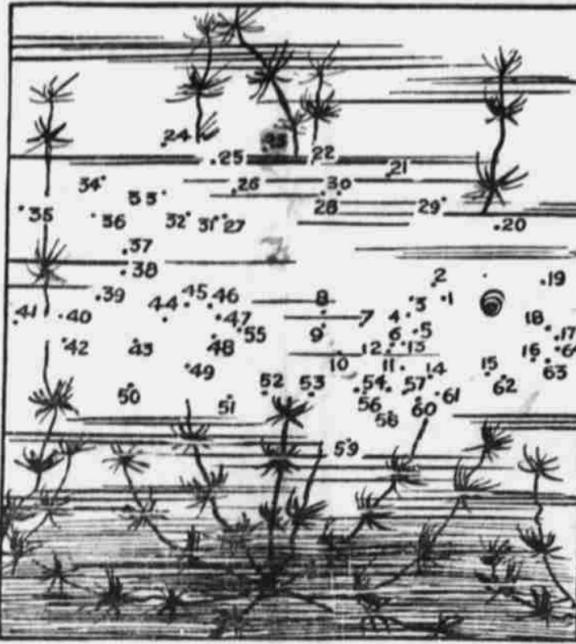
Attorney-General Brown has held that candidates for the Bull Moose party are not entitled to a place on the primary ballot in May. The attorney-general holds that under the law a party, to secure a place on the ballot, must have at least 20 per cent of the vote for presidential electors at the preceding election and that the Progressive party failed to secure that number.

Douglas county must pay R. M. Buttle, a traveling salesman of Des Moines, Ia., \$1300 as a result of injuries alleged to have been the result of a bad road, according to a mandate received by the Lane county circuit court from the supreme court of the state. Buttle was a passenger on a stage which upset while traveling over the road between Drain and Scottsburg April 11.

Chrome ore from Josephine county soon will be shipped east in large quantities for use of the United States government. The Golconda chrome property at Takilma, which has been lying idle for several months, will be placed in immediate operation, and concentrating machinery will be installed. It is expected that within 60 days this mine will be shipping five carloads of concentrates per week, requiring the mining of 100 tons a day.

After the federal government, through Secretary of War Baker, had rejected a suggestion of Governor Withycombe that men be sent from the cantonments at Camp Lewis to guard

Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 27



RIGHT: that was a lighthouse you drew in your last picture, children. Many a ship's crew have thanked God when they saw it on stormy nights at sea. It has warned them of danger. Now get busy again with your pencil, children, beginning at No. 1, and you'll draw the picture of something that will remind you of ships, lighthouses and the sea. No; we won't tell you any more about it, but you may have seen it some time in an exhibition of things that live in the water. It is one of the queerest specimens that you can imagine and has a funny name.

the mill, warehouse and shipbuilding properties at Portland, the executive announced that he would seek the men available in the recently organized Oregon militia to serve at such pay as the state is able to give them. The governor states that in the event funds for that purpose are inadequate, rather than to call a special session of the legislature he will appeal to the emergency board.

Immediate organization of a non-partisan league in this state was decided upon at an executive meeting of between 30 and 40 members of the state federation of labor, the grange and the farmers' union at Portland. Whether the proposed organization shall be affiliated with the National Non-Partisan League or shall merely be patterned after the North Dakota league was left to a special committee consisting of C. E. Spence, master of the grange; Hector Macpherson, of the Oregon Agricultural college; E. J. Stack, secretary state federation of labor; J. A. Smith, of the farmers' union; and C. L. McKenna, of Portland.

HARRY A. GARFIELD



Harry A. Garfield, Federal Fuel Administrator, who issued a drastic order restricting the use of fuel.

HOG PRICES FOR COAST ARE FIXED

San Francisco.—A minimum price for hogs in the Pacific coast states was fixed by a voluntary agreement between more than 30 packers representing California, Oregon and Washington, with the United States food administration, according to an an-

nouncement here by the federal food commissioner for California.

The new minimum price, fixed at 1 cent under the food administration minimum effective on the Chicago market, which now is \$15.50 per hundred, it was said, was expected to result in a tremendous increase in pork production in the states affected by the agreement.

The price from the retailer to the consumer will not be raised, it was announced, the producer alone benefiting and being assured a fair profit for his output from now on, particularly for animals ready for slaughter next fall.

ROOSEVELT IS ACCUSED

Senator Stone Calls Him Most Seditionous Man in America.

Washington.—Smouldering fires of partisan feeling were set ablaze in the senate by Senator Stone, veteran democrat, with a long prepared speech accusing republicans of playing politics in their criticism of the government's conduct of the war and calling Theodore Roosevelt "the most seditionous man of consequence in America."

There were many sharp interruptions during the two hours Senator Stone was speaking and when he closed Senators Penrose, Lodge, New and others on the republican side answered with vigorous defense of their right to make proper criticism of inefficiencies and with counter charges of partisanship. Senators Lewis, Kirby and other democrats joined in the fray.

Roosevelt Goes to Washington.

Washington.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt arrived in the capital Tuesday, ready and apparently eager to swing his big stick in the political Donnybrook Senator Stone started with his speech in the senate. The colonel was in high spirits when the train pulled in and manifestly enjoyed the enthusiastic reception accorded him by persons in the station.

British Sink Two Turkish Cruisers.

London.—In a naval action between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the Turkish cruiser Midulla, formerly the German Breslau, was sunk and the Sultan Yawuz Selim, formerly the German Goeben, was beached.

Austria Wants To Quit.

Zurich.—All Austria-Hungary is crying out for peace. Reports show general strikes, spreading throughout the nation.

Often Well Hidden.

"A woman can never keep anything to herself," said Danbo to his wife, who had been repeating something he didn't want known. "Oh, yes, she can," said Mrs. Danbo sweetly. "I'd like to know what it is?" he growled. "It's her real and private opinion of her husband."—London Tit-Bits.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

"The people must either go on or go under," was the stirring climax of an address delivered to the trades unions of Great Britain by David Lloyd George, the British prime minister.

A mutiny among submarine crews at the German naval base of Kiel on January 7 is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Geneva. Thirty-eight officers are said to have been killed.

The peace conference proceedings at Brest-Litovsk again have been suspended, and Foreign Minister Trotzky is reported to have returned to Petrograd. Foreign observers in Petrograd believe that the negotiations are working to a final break.

The political unrest in Germany continues unabated and Chancellor von Hertling again has postponed his speech to the main committee of the Reichstag in answer to the war aims announced by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

The Austrians have made another attempt to force the Italian right flank on the Piave river line and push a way to Venice close to the Adriatic coast. Rome reports an attack on a wide front in this sector. The Italians met the attack determinedly, and arrested the enemy effort.

The crisis in Austria, arising from the discontent of the people over the continuation of the war, to the scarcity of food and a general desire for peace, has resulted in the resignation of the Austrian cabinet.

In Hungary also the people are endeavoring to ascertain what are the prospects for a cessation of hostilities and a return to normal life. So insistent has been their effort in this direction that the Hungarian premier has been forced to announce in the lower house of parliament that the government adhered to the principle of peace without annexations or indemnities.

Two Ships Sunk With Loss of 718.

London.—Two steamers were sunk in the Mediterranean about December 31, and caused a loss of 718 lives. Secretary to the Admiralty McNamara announced Tuesday.

18,000 Army Officers to Be Advanced.

Washington.—Eighteen thousand temporary second lieutenants in the regular army were made eligible for promotion to first lieutenants in the national army by a war department order.

EX-PREMIER CAILLAUX



Joseph Caillaux, former Premier of France, who was arrested on charges of treason.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$59 per ton. Barley—Standard feed, \$57.50 ton. Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76. Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$23.50. Butter—Creamery, 49c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 50c per dozen. Potatoes—\$1@1.25 per hundred. Poultry—Hens, 23@23½c; geese, 16@18c; ducks, 22@24c; turkeys, live, 20@25c.

Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 53c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 58c per dozen. Potatoes—\$32@35 per ton. Poultry—Hens, 25@27c; dressed, 28@32c; broilers, 30c.

STRIKES SPREAD THROUGH AUSTRIA

More Than Million Workers in Dual Monarchy Have Quit.

London.—The strike movement and the accompanying food demonstrations have spread throughout the whole of the dual empire, including Galicia, and have everywhere assumed a political character, with the demand for peace taking precedence over everything else.

With more than 1,000,000 workers on strike and widespread reports of disorders in Austria and Hungary, the situation in the dual monarchy is becoming a political character, with the demand for peace taking precedence over everything else.

Efforts of Austrian statesmen to quiet the peace people in their demand for peace apparently failed of their purpose and the censorship which permitted the promises of the government's spokesmen to reach the outside world, again has resumed its vigor. The trouble is said to be deep-seated and is a mixture of war weariness, hunger and anti-Germanism.

Indications that the widespread peace movement in Austria is spreading through Germany are carried in dispatches from various sources, telling of demonstrations, including the breaking up by mobs of meetings of the Fatherland party.

BOLSHEVIKI DISSOLVE RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY

Petrograd.—Russia's constituent assembly had been in existence but a few hours before it was dissolved early Sunday by the executive committee of the congress of workmen's and soldiers' delegates. It is reported it will be succeeded by the workmen's and soldiers' congress, which has been supporting the Lenin government. Dissolution came after the Bolshevik adherents had been defeated in attempts to gain control of the assembly. Lenin himself introduced the dissolution decree in the assembly and in a 90-minute speech lauded the soviet deputies as representing the highest power of democracy in the world.

A. I. Shingoroff, minister of finance in the Kerensky cabinet, and Professor F. F. Kokoshkine, state controller under Kerensky, were murdered in their beds in the Marine Hospital.

EAST HEATLESS MONDAY

Retail Establishments Except Drug and Food Stores Close.

Washington.—The eastern half of the United States observed Monday generally as a holiday, the first of 10 heatless Mondays decreed by the government to conserve coal and clear congestion from the railroads.

Although the closing order, promulgated by Fuel Administrator Garfield, goes no further than to forbid the use of fuel for heating, fuel administration officials expected business to cease, and Dr. Garfield issued a direct request that all retail establishments, except food and drug stores, close their doors for the day.

Food stores which, in the original order were permitted to remain open only half the day, were granted a special dispensation under which they may sell goods throughout the day.

German Yacht Seized.

New York.—The steel pleasure yacht Joyeuse, said to be owned by Emil H. Kleuge, an unnaturalized German, of Englewood, N. J., was seized by United States Marshal McCarthy. Federal authorities said the yacht, equipped with wireless, with Kleuge on board and manned by a Swedish crew, had been cruising recently along the Atlantic coast.

Three Americans Killed in France.

Washington.—Three Americans were killed in action with the Germans Tuesday. General Pershing reported to the war department. The dead are Private Albert Cook, West Almond, N. Y.; Private Harry V. Garman, Catawba, Va.; Private Leo E. Radi, Cleveland, Ohio. The Pershing report carried only the bare fact that the men were "killed in action."

It is expected that Germany will soon have 200 divisions on the west.