OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

A fathers' club for soldiers and sailors has been organized for Yambill county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has made formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election.

The Sutherlin Spray Manufacturing company has been organized to manu- tions. facture aprays for orchardists at Suth-

The executive board of the Oregon Pederation of Women's Clubs has decided that the next annual meeting will be held at Portland.

Salem shippers have begun a movement to force a physical connection at that place between the lines of the Southern Pacific and the Orescon Elec-

Croppings of asphaltum and dried oll, which can be traced for over half a mile, have been uncovered on government land six miles east of Ash-

Senator McNary is urging the passage of a bill permitting the exchange of public lands for privately owned lands, so public lands may be consolidated.

Judge S. Benson will succeed Judge J. C. Moreland as clerk of the aupreme court. He is now deputy clerk. and has served as such for the last

16 years One of the most daring robberies in the history of Yambill county postoffices was that which netted the thieves close to \$1100 in currency and supplies at Yamhill.

Baker is reported to be the first city in the state to achieve 100 per cent in the matter of providing war savings stamp selling stations. Its alloted quota of stations was 70.

The public service commission is notifying all public utilities that their annual reports for the year ending December 31, 1917, must be submitted to the commission by April 1.

Judge J. C. Moreland, one of the oldest members of the Oregon bar and for the past 10 years clerk of the Oregon supreme court, died suddenly at Salem from heart trouble.

After serving for 15 years as state labor commissioner for Oregon, O. P. Hoff has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination for state treasurer.

Measures Spence Wortman, shows a 224 were condemned permanently.

After deliberating only 45 minutes. a jury in the United States court at Portland found Floyd Ramp, active socialist of Roseburg, guilty on each of two counts in an indictment charging him with a violation of the espionage

Fishing is now prohibited in a number of Klamath county streams. The warm, weather has caused the fish to go upstream for the spawning time much earlier this year, and these certain points are closed to protect future

One man was hurt and from \$5000 to \$6000 in damage was done when the three-story frame hotel, recently constructed by the Sommarstrom Shipbuilding company at Columbia City, two and one-half miles from St. Helens, was completely destroyed by fire.

Two of the 612 accidents reported to

the state industrial accident commission during the week ending January 31 were fatal. They were Fred H. Miller, Portland, killed in shipbuilding operations, and Clarke Correll, of Seaside, killed in logging operations.

The Farmers' union of Umatilla county has telegraphed the Oregon delegation in congress asking that the warehouse, where the grain is actually turned over to the government, instead of a terminal city such as Portland or Spokane, be established as a primary

Articles of incorporation, with stock placed at \$1,000,000 have been filed for the Gold Hill Manganese company, the incorporators being Tacoma parties. The property of the company was secently purchased by E. McColley. of Tacoms, and is located down Rogue. river about 20 miles from Grants Pass.

Superintendent Churchill has received instructions from President Wilson and Provest Marshal-General Crowder, state to report to the local draft beards in their respective districts and offer themselves for duty in copying portions of the questionnaires on cards which will be used for filing at Wash-

Statistics compiled at Astoria show that during the month of January 27 ressels loaded at the mills in the lower Principal Events of the Work Columbia river district and their combined cargoes amounted to 19,518,572 teet of lumber. In the same period 14 vessels loaded \$,045,295 feet at the mills in the upper river district, making a total of 27,563,867 feet of lumber that was shipped from the Columbia

river in cargoes during January.

It is likely a tish hatchery will be located on the Umpqua river to furnish a steady supply of salmon for the commercial fishing of the lower river, which this year reached large propor-

Jay S. Hamilton, president of the Jay S. Hamilton Lumber company, of Portland, has been appointed government district administrator of fir for Oregon and the Columbia river district of Washington, and as such will administer the lumber embargo in this

The state vocational board, at a meeting in Portland, authorized the installation of a printing plant in The Dailes high school, the inauguration of course in running tractors in the Pendleton high school, and in steam fitting and plumbing in the Eugene

Representative Hawley has written Railroad Director McAdon urging the building of a three-mile spur to connect Florence and Cushman with the Coos bay railroad. This road, he points out, is essential to getting out a lance quantity of lumber desired for shipbuilding.

Oregon poultry won new honors at the greater Chicago poultry show January 8 to 15, among birds from all parts of the United States, according to a telegram received by R. F. Keeney of Eugene, announcing that he had been awarded first and third prizes on Plymouth Rock pullets.

The general land office has instructed the chief of the Portland field division to expedite action on pending uncanceled Benson and Hyde selections in Oregon. Where cancellations result, the government will enter disclaimer of title to lands upon which fraudulent selections were based.

Two United States senatorial terms must be filled in Oregon at the November election this year, according to an opinion by Attorney General Brown; one a long term of six years. from March, 1919, and one the short term, from November, 1918, to March, 1919, due to the death of the late Senator Harry Lane:

On December 5 a special inquiry was mailed to a selected list of stockmen In his annual report for the year in all parts of the state, asking for 1917, Deputy Scaler of Weights and numbers of the various kinds of farm animals on hand December 1, 1916 and total of 9657 scales examined, of which December 1, 1917. About 400 replies were received, the tabulation of which showed no material decrease in any class of farm animals except goats.

Colonel Brice P. Disque, commanding the spruce production division of the signal corps, asks co-operation of every person in the northwest who is now engaged or contemplates operations in the riving of spruce. His request is directed to both large and small operators, and also to farmers and others who might get out spruce as a side issue.

J. A. Hoskins and L. R. Stockman have been awarded the contract for the construction of the drainage plant of the Ontario irrigation district at a figure approximating \$150,000. The project is the draining of 10,000 acres near Ontario, into the Snake river. The work will include about three miles of ditches and 111/2 miles of tile drainage, the tile varying from eight to 30 inches.

Farmers, United States department of agriculture representatives and members of the staff of Oregon Agricultural college will work together to make grain handling in bulk an extensive practice in Oregon. Men representing these three divisions of workers have already been appointed to handle the situation and will start at once to cover the principal grain sec-

tions of the state. Secretary of State Olcott has just insued a new digest of election dates and laws for 1918. In addition to all the dates which relate to election matters, such as the last day for filing declarations of candidacy and for filing material for the voters' pamphiet, and the like, it contains forms for nominating petitions, for declarations of candidacy, and information about the voters' pamphlet, and the fees for filing declarations, and much other information relating to election

Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has issued an emergency ruling directing the Oregon insurance rating bureau not to give out any in-

SPLENDID MUSIC AT CHAUTAUQUA

Ladies' Festival Orchestra Presents Two Programs First Day



The Ladies' Festival Orchestra, which comes to our Chautauqua Festival on the opening day, is a company of six charming young ladies who offer a program which is a delight to the general public and a pleasure to the most musically critical. With the use of supplementary instruments the variety and quality of the program is equal to that of a much larger organization.

For the last few years they have been one of the standard Chautauqua attractions of the Middle West. Individually they are finished musicians. Their entertainment consists of orchestra selections, instrumental solos, vocal quartets, duets, solos and readings.

formation concerning manufacturing plants, shipyards and other industries of the state, until after the bureau has secured the name of the person or concern requesting such information and the purpose for which the information is sought. This ruling was made as a means of checkmating a system of enemy espionage that is believed to be going on in the state.

During the year 1917 the mills of Portland cut 590,402,545 feet of lumber, which was 71,947,545 feet more than in 1916, when the cut was 518,-455,000 feet. The lower Columbia distriet, embracings Astoria, Warrenton, Westport, Rainier, Inglis and St. Helens, Or., and Knappton, Stella, equally. Oak Point and Vancouver, 507,749,000 feet in 1917 as against 412,211,116 in 1916, showing an inrease of 95,528,834 feet. The estinated total amount of lumber, includng ties and everything shipped from feet, which is a gain of 28,500,000 over the previous year, when the total shipnents amounted to 221,500,000 feet.

DEATH TO GERMAN STRIKERS IS THREAT

London.-General von Kessel, military commandant of Brandenburg province, in which Berlin is situated, threatens summary punishment of 22@23c; dressed, choice, 34@35c. strikers who fail to obey his order that they resume work.

Employes failing to resume work will be tried by courtmartial, which is authorized to impose sentence of death, execution to take place within 24 hours Gems, \$30.00. of the time the sentence is imposed.

cording to a report from Copenhagen, 28@30c; dressed, 36@38c.

seems to have had the effect of breaking down the German strike movement. The German government is keeping a tight hand on news of the strikes, which are attended by demonstration in Berlin and other parts of Germany.

Hundreds of thousands of German men and women have shown in the last week that they have lost faith in the militarists, that they no longer believe the promises of their rulers, that they consider prolongation of the war poor business-and they must now decide whether to return to work or face the penalty that awaits spies and

The latest news from Germany tells of rioting and exciting scenes in the working class sections of Berlin, with the arrest of many men and women in various parts of the city. Outside of the capital the strike grew on Saturday, but there are no reports of clashes between the military and the workers.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Oats-No. 2 white feed, \$59 per ton. Barley-Standard feed, \$57.50 ton. Corn-Whole, \$74; cracked, \$75. Hay-Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa,

Butter-Creamery, 52c per 1b. Eggs-Ranch, 51c per dozen. Potatoes-\$1,25@1.35 per hundred. Poultry-Hons, 24@25c; geese, 16@ 18c: ducks, 30@31c; turkeys, live,

Seattle.

Butter-Creamery, 53c per lb. Eggs-Ranch, 54c per dozen. Potatoes-\$27.00 per ton; Yakima

Poultry-Hens, 25@27c; dressed, These drastic military measures, ac- 28@32c; fryers, 30c; turkeys, live,

It's an Ill Wind-IN LUCK!

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Sixty-six persons were killed and 183 injured in the two German raids over London last week.

Many German prisoners in Russia, taking advantage of internal disorders, are returning to the German lines.

Food riots have broken out in Vienna, according to reports received. Shops have been piliaged and clashes have occurred between rioters and the

It was officially announced that the total number of deaths resulting from the recent airplane raid of the Germans over Paris was 49 and the total wounded 206.

Great Britain has asked Brazil and Uruguay for the use of interned German merchant ships for the transportation of grain, according to information received from Rio Janeiro.

British expeditionary forces in Palestine again have assumed the offensive, official war reports stated. General Allenby's line has been advanced to Anutieh, three miles north of Birch on the Nabalus road.

Severe measures of repression have been taken by the German government against the workers whose strike movement in important industrial centers has tied up many plants engaged in munition and war supply work. Berlin and its environs remain the center of the disturbance. The city is under military control. Factories been militarised, say dispatches, and the workers warned to report for work or undergo military discipline.

Many Soldiers Take Federal Insurance

San Francisco. - Soldiers in the western department of the army have taken government insurance to the total value of \$178,000,000 and before the period of automatic insurance, February 12, it is believed most of the 47,000 men in this jurisdiction will hold government policies, according to Captain E. H. Pearce, officer in

Wool Stocks Have Decreased.

Washington. - Wool stocks in the United States were about 562,000,000 pounds December 31 last, the department of agriculture announced in its third quarterly report. That was a decrease of 71,000,000 pounds from stocks September 30, 1917.

ENTENTE HAS MOST TROOPS

Secretary Baker Says Allies Numerically Superior on West Front.

not to let reports of strikes and other internal disturbances in Germany slacken its war preparations, Secretary Baker in his weekly military review also makes the official announcement that American troops are at last holding a portion of the actual battle front.

For the first time, also, Secretary Baker declares that it is fully believed the allies have a preponderance of men and guns on the western front, despite the fact that the German line has been strengthened by troops from the Russian field. Secretary Baker declared the reports of numerical superiority have been spread by the enemy himself.

General Wood Leaves Hespital. Paris.-Major General Wood, who was wounded in the right arm by a shell splinter while visiting the American front recently, left the hospital.

Kept Bright by Constant Use. Three things that never become rusty—the money of the charitable, the nails in a collector's shoes and a thoughtless woman's tongue.

DRY AMENDMENT RAPPED

Cardinal Gibbens Says Legislators Should Not Bow to Fanaticism.

Baltimore.-Cardinal Gibbons strenuously denounced the national prohibition amendment in a statement issued by him, and declared that legis Monday, to undertake the formulation lators of the states should not "bow to of a plan for concerted action in tood the fanaticism that seems to be ruling us in this respect."

He declared that some of the lawmakers seemed actuated by coward- the general plan adopted will be in ice in voting against their convic- effect for a year or more. tions for the amendment.

"It will be a calamity if this amend-"It will be only a step in the abridg-ment of other liberties that we enjoy. Those favoring the amendment will not be satisfied with this victory and they will try to impose other obnexlous laws upon us that will make our personal liberty worth very little."

CONGRESS TO SPEED UP ON WAR WORK

Important Railroad and Financial Measures to Be Considered During Week.

Washington.-Little of the long and has been enacted since con leaders plan attempts to speed up the work. Important railroad and finan-cial measures are to be brought before both senate and house during the week, with the prospect that they will occupy the center of interest for many days to come.

Secretary Baker's recent statement to the senate military committee that the United States would have half a million soldiers in France early this year and that prospects were not un-favorable for ships to carry a million more who would be ready during the year, were characterized by Senator Hitchcock in an address to the senate as "absolutely preposterous and so exaggerated as to convey an entirely false impression as to what we can do and what we are doing.

Senators Williams of Mississippi and Reed of Missouri, democrats, repiled, opposing the war re tion measures as proposals to usur President Wilson's authority. Th former declared that the "German game is muckraking this administration" and asserted that efforts to force the bills are futile because of certain executive veto, urging cessa-

While praising Senatora Hitchcock and Chamberlain as unimpeachable patriots, Senator Reed, another mili-tary committee member, argued that the war cabinet bill is unconstitutional. the war cabinet bill is unco

Further disclosures of the government's military program were made when Secretary Baker reappeared be fore the military committee for cross examination Wednesday.

Secretary Baker's cross-examination was begun by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, republican, in connection with the number of troops to be sent

On January 1, Secretary Baker said more troops had been transported to France including both non-combatant and fighting forces, than had been

Washington.—Warning the nation TO LIMIT PROFITS OF FLOUR DEALERS

Washington.-With the retail price of flour up 99 per cent above its price when the great war broke out, the food administration has set out to check profiteering among wholesale and retail dealers.

in a warning issued by Herbert Hoover, wholesalers were informed that maximum gross profits must not exceed 50 to 70 cents per barrel and retailers must restrict their profits to from 80 cents to \$1.20 per burrel. A two-ounce bread ration was or-

dered by the food administration for patrons of hotels, restaurants and dining cars. Public eating places are now It-

censed under the new bread regulations and the bread ration rule is issued under this authority. Hotel representatives have been instructed to see that immediate observance is given in hotels for Monday and Wednesday, as wheatless days, Tuesday as meatiess day, Saturday as a porkless day, and that there is one wheatless meal and one meatless meal every

BREAD LOAVES DISCUSSED

Five Federal Food Administrators Meet in Portland.

Portland, Or. - Five federal foods administrators convened in Portland production and conservation. First of all they discussed the bread-loaf, but their inquiries will range widely and

Those participating in the conference are: W. B. Ayer, of Oregon; R. ment is adopted," said the cardinal. F. Bicknell, of Idaho; Charles Hebberd, of Washington; Royal A. Gunnison, of Alaska, and Ralph Merritt, of California. Other members of the conference are: Dr. E. D. Clark, of the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, and W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator for Oregon.