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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Portland's ninth annual automobile, truck and tractor show was held last week.

The John Day river is the highest since 1904 and much damage in the valley is reported.

Thrift stamp and war savings certificate sales in Oregon aggregate \$814,960.02, according to the latest returns.

Crop prospects in the great central Oregon wheat belt are exceedingly bright and growers are glowing with optimism over the promise of record breaking crops.

Arrangements are now being made to open to entry and settlement a considerable area of Oregon & California railroad grant lands classified as agricultural in southern Oregon.

Hereinafter physical examinations will be made of boys committed to the state industrial school for boys, and parole violators must report to the superintendent at least once a month.

Mrs. Lena Bergmann, wife of Captain Bergmann, for years in charge of the lifesaving station at the mouth of the Umpqua river, near Gardiner, died suddenly from heart trouble at Eugene.

For the first time in more than two years the Southern Pacific company last week overcame its car shortage in Oregon and reported to the Oregon public service commission a surplus of 91 cars.

A drive for \$1500 is being made among the Linn county farmers to secure a county agricultural agent. Should the \$1500 be raised it will make a \$4500 fund available for hiring an agriculturist.

Passenger and freight traffic on the line of the Valley & Siletz railway, running westward from Independence to Valseeta, has increased to such an extent that \$20,000 has been expended in new equipment.

A number of Grass Valley ranchers will build an elevator for bulk handling of grain. The elevator will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels. More and Hay Canyon people are considering an 80,000-bushel elevator.

Accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week total 454, of which two were fatal, as follows: William Lake, Deer Island, logging, and B. A. L. Christensen, Cornucopia, mining.

The state highway commission has employed the firm of Crandall & Roberts, public accountants, to expert the books of the state highway department and check up the system of accounting being used by the department.

There is no hope for state lime for 1918 crops, and what the chances are for next year "all depends." Dean Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural college stated this to the state lime committee meeting recently held at Corvallis.

The resignation of J. W. Pomeroy of Scappoose as a member of the state board of horticulture for the first district was accepted by the state board of control and Homer C. Atwell of Forest Grove was appointed to fill the vacancy.

State Veterinarian Lytle says he has received reports of a great outbreak of rabies in northern Klamath county, causing heavy losses of cattle. Rabid coyotes are said to be running rampant in the country there and attacking cattle freely.

Last year 1201 industrial club members of the boys' and girls' clubs produced food materials valued at \$31,182.92, and they will exceed that this year, according to a booklet on the club work just issued by the department of education.

The Carnegie hero fund commission has recently awarded to Homer W. Carson of Eugene the sum of \$1000 and a medal for an act of heroism done by him in rescuing Lawrence E. Parks, a 10-year-old lad, from drowning nearly two years ago.

According to Fire Chief Lawton's annual report, Medford, in the state fire marshal's opinion, is "one of the safest cities in the state from a fire standpoint." There were only 33 fires in 1917, at a total loss of \$6751, entirely covered by insurance.

Representatives of the Grange, Farmers' union and the Oregon State Federation of Labor at a meeting in Portland decided to affiliate with the National Non-Partisan League and to

take steps toward forming in this state a branch of the new political party.

A farm survey to show kinds and amounts of crops and also farm labor conditions in Linn county is to be made under the direction of the Linn county council of defense. It will show how much the county will produce this year and the facts are being compiled for the government. The work is in charge of a committee consisting of A. C. Miller, of Albany; Rex W. Davis, of Harrisburg, and M. Sanders, of Albany.

Senator Chamberlain has received from the chief of the signal corps a letter indicating that one of 12 navigational stations, which the war department proposes establishing in seasonal states, will be located somewhere on the lower Columbia river.

Spruce production in Oregon and Washington will hereafter be in charge of the Pacific coast committee of the aircraft board, which will consist of Colonel Disque, W. M. Ladd and Amos Benson, of Portland, Or., and J. H. Bloodell, of Bellingham.

McDonald & Vaughan, who have a three-year contract for cutting spruce and white cedar on the Coos bay peninsula, in the interests of the government aeroplane programme, have a crew of surveyors in the field laying out the logging road which is to tap the area, and will construct the camps as fast as possible.

The use of the eulachon, a valuable but neglected fish of the Pacific coast, is being advocated by the bureau of fisheries, department of commerce, not only on account of its intrinsic value and excellence, but as a solution of the problem of finding a supply of sea foods during the winter season when the catch is reduced.

The skeleton remains of a mastodon or some other prehistoric monster were unearthed near Helix when workmen for the light company were digging a hole. A tooth weighing 14 pounds was taken out and a tusk several times as large as an ordinary elephant tusk. Several other bones were found. The discovery has been reported to Smithsonian Institution.

Val W. Tompkins, superintendent of Cascade Locks and co-operative observer for the United States weather bureau there, has received a letter from Professor Todd, director of the observatory at Amherst college, who says that numerous astronomers will visit the northwest to observe the total eclipse of the sun that will be visible in southern Washington and northern Oregon this spring.

Elmeta Batley, superintendent of schools for Baker county, has written to State Superintendent Churchill that the school at Bourne has set a record. Each of the children in the school has sold \$50 worth of war savings certificates and all are anxious to join the Junior Rainbow regiment being formed by Mr. Churchill to include the first 1000 children of the state who sell \$50 worth of thrift stamps apiece.

Prospects are good for a new hatchery for silverside salmon above tide-water on Smith river, a tributary of the Umpqua, according to information made public by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden. Fishermen on Smith river, says Mr. Shoemaker, have petitioned Governor Withycome for the establishment of the hatchery, offering to tax themselves 2 cents per fish through the season for the erection and maintenance of the hatchery.

State Treasurer Kay has returned from the east after an investigation of the J. Sidney Starling linen factory at Tonnowanda, N. Y., for the Portland chamber of commerce. He found all of the mills in the east anxious to obtain Oregon flax, declaring it was the best produced in the country. He visited mills at Lockport, North Andover and other points and all of them indicated that Oregon flax is in big demand and that there will be no scarcity of a market for any flax produced.

The government has abandoned as impracticable its original plan of constructing wagon roads into the Lewis and Clark river district to haul aeroplane timber from the forests on motor trucks. Instead it will foster the building of a railroad by the Oregon Pacific Mill & Lumber company from Stavebolt landing, on the Lewis and Clark river, along the old Reid grade a distance of 11 miles. Under the contract the government will do the grading, while the mill company will furnish the rails, ties and rolling stock.

Owing to the demand for alfalfa lands in Umatilla county during the past two years and the many thousands of acres developed and in course of development, the Hermiston commercial club has sounded the cry for

## Coming to Chautauqua

### Julius Caesar Nayphe to Be Feature Attraction of Second Night



J. C. Nayphe, the Athenian, presents a great dramatic spectacle on the second night of the Chautauqua Festival. Aided by costumes of his native country, his lectures will give you a new conception of the orient and he will give you too in an inimitable manner the oriental's conception of America.

Born in Athens, the ancient seat of culture, and reared in Caesarea Philippi, he has both the blood and the temperament of the far East, its life and its learning.

Nayphe is a royal entertainer. He has a musical voice of great richness and power, and his story is as beautiful as a poem. Nayphe tells it with great eloquence, with dramatic intensity and with superb grace. It is not right to characterize his program as simply a lecture. It is a dramatic spectacle, totally unlike anything you have seen or heard. It has been one of the greatest successes upon the Chautauqua platform in recent years.

more land. Rather, the call is for more water for the land that is not now under irrigation. Thousands of acres of this land lies tributary to the Umatilla project and the water is available from the reservoirs in the Spring floods. Committees were appointed and the work will be started at once to secure if possible, the necessary appropriation or legislation to do the work.

Directors of the Rogue River Public Service corporation, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, have voted to close up the affairs of the company and ratified the filing of bankruptcy proceedings in Portland, January 18, by the Salt Lake City and Chicago creditors, with claims aggregating \$75,000. The company for a number of years has controlled and operated extensive irrigation projects and power plants at Grants Pass and Gold Hill, costing in construction \$2,500,000. Bonds are outstanding to the amount of \$500,000 and the company owns more than 2000 acres of land. It also has a lighting and water franchise with Gold Hill which will expire next year.

## UKRAINIANS MAKE PEACE

### Agreement May Open Rich Grain Fields to Germans.

London.—A peace agreement between the central powers and Ukraine has been signed, according to an official Berlin statement forwarded from Copenhagen.

Ukraine, formerly a part of the Russian empire, embraces part of the territories of the old kingdom of Poland. It is traversed by the Dniaper river and is one of the most fertile lands in Europe. The fact that Ukraine normally is a great wheat producing region may account for the anxiety of the central powers to arrange a separate peace. Permanent cessation of hostilities with Ukraine would open a great source of food supplies to the Germans and Austrians.

## 55 People Charged With Conspiracy

Sacramento, Cal.—An indictment charging 55 persons with conspiring with William D. Haywood, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World and others to hinder the execution of laws of the United States in the prosecution of the war with Germany, was returned by the United States grand jury.

## Every American Shipyard is Busy

Washington.—The last strike in any way involving shipbuilding in the United States has been settled with the return to work of 2000 metal trades workers in New Orleans. "Not a man is idle in any shipyard in America," declared Assistant Secretary Post.

## Finger Prints Identify Tuscania Dead

Washington.—The war department has ordered finger prints of all the unrecognizable soldiers recovered from the Tuscania. By comparison with records here it will be possible to identify them.

## THE MARKETS

Portland.  
Barley—Standard feed, \$57.50 ton. Corn—Whole, \$74; cracked, \$75.

Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$22.50.  
Butter—Creamery, 52c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 40c per dozen.  
Potatoes—\$1.10 @ 1.25 per hundred.  
Poultry—Hens, 26 1/2 @ 27c; geese, 19 @ 20c; ducks, 31 @ 32c; turkeys, live, 25c; dressed, 33 @ 33 1/2c.

Seattle.  
Butter—Creamery, 53c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 51c per dozen.  
Potatoes—\$27.00 per ton; Yakima Gema, \$30.00.  
Poultry—Hens, 27 @ 28c; dresse, 28 @ 32c; fryers, 30c; turkeys, live, 28 @ 30c; dressed, 37 @ 38c.

Weston Chautauqua—March 1-3-4.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

Mumps again have appeared among the American soldiers in the trenches in France. A number of soldiers are afflicted.

The Austrians have launched another attack against the Italian positions west of the Brenta river, along the same Frenzella valley leading to the plain where the Italians recently defeated them with heavy loss.

The American artillery is keeping up a harassing fire on the German lines. The Americans are bombarding batteries, trenches, cross roads, dug-outs, light railways and houses in which enemy troops are billeted.

Some American prisoners have been captured north of Xivry, 19 miles east of St. Mihiel, says the official statement of the German general staff. This point on the line is along the southern edge of the St. Mihiel salient about 10 miles east of St. Mihiel itself.

No formal treaty has been signed between the Russians and the central powers, but the Bolshevik government has ordered a cessation of hostilities against Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria and the withdrawal of its troops from the trenches and fortified positions from the Baltic Sea to the Roumanian frontier.

Peace having been effected both by the Russians and Ukrainians with the Teutonic allies, the situation of Roumania becomes a most critical one.

Cut off now from her allies, the Roumanians apparently are faced with the absolute necessity of effecting a separate peace or being overrun by superior enemy armies.

## Plans for Prison Break Disclosed

Salem, Or.—Warden Murphy has announced that officials of the penitentiary last week discovered a plot having for its object a wholesale escape from the institution. Guards of the prison found a hole cut through the roof over the north cell house, and also a collection of tools in the attic and 60 feet of rope. The latter was made of string stolen from the flax plant.

## Roosevelt Now Out of Danger

New York.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who underwent two operations at Roosevelt hospital last week, is steadily improving and his physicians believe that his recovery is simply a matter of time.

## National Fast Day Proposed by Smoot

Washington.—A national fast day once a month to conserve food and money was advocated in the senate by Senator Smoot of Utah. The senator would allow only one meal on fast day.

## 250,000 Skilled Workmen Wanted

Washington.—An effort to enlist at least a quarter of a million skilled workmen in its shipyard volunteer reserve will be made this week by the Emergency Fleet Corporation through state councils of defense. The purpose in establishing the reserve is to create a body of skilled workers who can be called on for service in the shipyards as they are needed.

## All Tuscania Victims' Lives Insured

Washington.—Every American soldier lost on the Tuscania having dependents was protected by government insurance.

## AMERICAN NOW IN CHARGE

### Command of U. S. Sector Turned Over By French Authorities.

With the American Army in France.—An American general now commands the sector of the front recently taken over by our troops. When the Americans first entered the sector it was under the command of a French general commanding a certain large unit of the French army. Now we have control.

In turning the sector over to the American general the French commander issued a general order in which he expressed complete satisfaction with our troops and was confident that the sector was in good hands and, if attacked would defend it with great valor.

## Democrats Favor Suffrage

Washington.—Indorsement of the federal amendment for woman suffrage was voted by the executive committee of the national democratic committee here after a referendum to the committeemen representing the 48 states.

## PRESIDENT ANSWERS SPEECHES ON PEACE

### Defines Terms Acceptable to United States In Address to Congress.

Washington.—President Wilson at 12:30 p. m. Monday addressed congress on the attitude of the United States toward the recent speeches made by German Chancellor von Hertling and the Austrian foreign minister, Count Czernin.

In the speech of Count von Hertling, the German chancellor, the president found no approach to the path of peace, but rather a proposal to end the war on German terms and to set up a league of nations to maintain the balance of power so established.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian spokesman, employed a very friendly tone, seemed to see the fundamental elements of peace with clear eyes and probably would have gone much farther if it had not been for Austria's alliance and her dependence upon Germany.

Members of congress accepted the address not as a peace message, but as notice to the central powers that the United States cannot be turned aside from the object for which it is fighting, and a warning to congress and the American people that the task of sending the nation's fighting men to the front must not be interfered with by equivocal and misleading utterances of Teutonic statesmen.

The president was warmly received and cheered as he concluded, and leaders, without respect to party, afterward expressed hearty approval of his words.

President Wilson laid down the basis of future negotiations on the following:

First—Each part of the final settlement must be based upon essential justice to bring a permanent peace.  
Second—Peoples and provinces are not to be bartered about like chattels to establish a balance of power.  
Third—Territorial settlement must be for the benefit of people concerned and not merely adjustment of rival states' claims.  
Fourth—Well defined national aspirations must be accorded all possible satisfaction.

## WAR DEPARTMENT IS REORGANIZED

Washington.—A general order outlining the new organization of the war department and giving full powers in their respective fields to the assistants to the chief of staff at the head of the five divisions into which the staff has been formed was made public by Secretary Baker.

The order emphasizes the authority of the chief of staff, who, with the war council, is the immediate advisor of the secretary in all questions relating to the military establishment.

"The planning of the army program in its entirety," says the order, "and the constant development of this program will be the duty of the chief of staff and the war council."  
The duties of the chief of staff will be taken over soon by Major General Peyton C. March, ordered home from France to succeed Major General Biddle, assistant chief of staff, who has been acting chief in the absence of General Bliss. For the present General Bliss will continue to hold the title of chief of staff while representing the United States in the supreme war council abroad and General March will be designated acting chief.

## RUSSIA IS TO DEMOBILIZE

### State of War is Declared Ended in Announcement

Amsterdam.—Russia has declared the state of war to be at an end and has ordered the demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts, according to a dispatch received here dated Brest-Litovsk on Sunday. The dispatch reads:  
"The president of the Russian delegation at today's (Sunday's) sitting stated that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austro-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts."

St. Valentine's dance tomorrow evening at Weston opera house.

## Snow

