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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Fossil is to have a public library and reading room.

James C. Parker, sheriff of Lane county has resigned.

Henry Clay Perkins, pioneer of 1852, died at Grants Pass aged 73 years.

The 27th annual state Christian Endeavor convention was held at Baker.

The total taxable value of all property in Multnomah county amounts to \$205,981,645.

It is practically assured that Joseph will have a new concrete grain elevator this spring.

Linn county postoffices sold \$18,382.17 worth of thrift and war savings stamps in January.

The first irrigation school ever held in Oregon opened at Redmond Monday and will continue all week.

Contractor A. U. C. Berry is assembling a part of his outfit at Toledo for work on the south jetty of the Yaquina bar.

The Clatsop County Agricultural council was organized at Astoria at a meeting of farmers from various sections of the county.

There are now 30,067 registered voters in Multnomah county eligible to vote at the primary election May 17, according to latest tabulations.

Umatilla county farmers are expecting to profit to a considerable extent from the crop and farm labor survey which is being taken by County Agent Shrock.

Judge T. F. Ryan, assistant state treasurer, said that during last year the state treasury department collected \$32,283.54 in interests upon state deposits.

A party of four soldiers, under command of Lieutenant A. Gagnon, are in Coos county obtaining data on the spruce areas and the best means of logging the timber.

Manganese, valuable as a war essential to temper steel for big guns, promises to be one of the leading products of Jackson county, for the largest and purest deposits are known to exist there.

Miss Lillian Rosheim, aged 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rosheim, of Silverton lies in a sanitarium in a serious condition as the result of an attack by an unknown masked man who tried to steal her hair.

Governor Withycombe has accepted the resignation of Mrs. Bertha Williams Griffith, of La Grande, as a member of the state board of examination of graduate nurses. Miss Elizabeth Darling was appointed in her stead.

Jesse Myrl Jones, 23 years old, of Mulino, had his wife-chop part of his index finger off in order that he would be exempted from military service, but Mrs. Jones did not cleave close enough, so her husband was not exempted.

With the statement that if the goods are satisfactory he can place an immediate contract, General Goethals, quartermaster general of the United States army, has wired the Salem commercial club for details concerning dehydrating plants in Oregon.

Filing of a deed by the Southern Pacific Railway company for a large acreage of tidelands in the vicinity of the Glasgow townsite, in Coos county, gives rise to the belief the company has intentions of opening more coal lands in the Coos bay country.

County courts have no authority to increase salaries of deputy county clerks and deputy sheriffs when such salaries are fixed by law, according to an opinion given by Attorney General Brown to Edward C. Judd, district attorney for Clatsop county.

Beginning February 20, all office buildings in Oregon are to be heatless at night. Irrespective of the source from which heat is derived, it must be turned off in office buildings at 5:30 o'clock each evening and not turned on again until 7 o'clock in the morning.

Notwithstanding the fact that Astoria has recently completed the erection of a new 20-room grade school building, the number of pupils is increasing so rapidly that the district must build three more structures before the opening of the coming school year.

The boarding school at the Umatilla Indian agency, which has been a fixture there almost as long as the agency has been established, is to be discontinued June 30, according to word

received by Superintendent Swartzlander from Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs.

The state highway commission has under contemplation now road work, the construction of which will be done at an estimated cost of \$7,930,150, according to the report for the fiscal year ending November 30, just completed by State Highway Engineer Nunn, and approved by the commission. Of this amount \$541,973.33 has been expended for construction and \$143,638.91 for engineering, or a total of \$685,612.24.

The public service commission has roundly condemned the practice on railroads of making flying switches, in a report on the accident at Goble December 12, 1917, when William E. Mackinister and his son were killed by a freight train on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road.

The state department of public instruction has requested copies of the rules and program on Lane county's patriotic and educational rally, which will be held at Eugene May 17 and 18, to send to every county superintendent in the state, that a similar project may be taken up in each county.

Representative Hawley has asked the house committee on public lands to report favorably on the bill recently passed by the senate authorizing the city of McMinnville to purchase certain lands, formerly a part of the Oregon & California railroad grant, for the protection of the city water supply.

On March 1, cigar stores, pool halls, candy stores and bowling alleys in Pendleton will open at 6 A. M. and close at 11 P. M. The order was issued on the passage of an ordinance by the city council as a war measure to conserve light and heat and for the further regulation of pool halls by the city.

James Manary, representing the Warren Spruce company of Portland, began the erection of a large warehouse at Toledo as a preliminary to getting out the huge body of fine spruce in the Siletz Indian reservation. The warehouse is 24 by 190 feet and is the first of a number of buildings to be erected.

Four fatal accidents and 484 non-fatal accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission last week. The fatal accidents were as follows: Carl Druhat, Portland, steel works; Frank Webster, Enterprise, sawmill; M. S. Ross, Portland, steel works, and Vernon M. Thatcher, Portland, conductor.

Information which has been received is to the effect that the great Horst Brothers' hop ranch near Independence, said to be one of the largest in the world, will be converted largely into a vegetable ranch and that the dryers will be used for evaporation of vegetables. It is stated that 400 acres of the ranch are to be leased for vegetable growing.

Queries are being received by the public service commission from the railroad companies of the state as to what demurrage charges were in effect from January 21 to February 19 of this year, which was the interim between the effective date of the first demurrage order issued by Director General McAdoo and the corrected order, which was the only one that went into effect.

Any resident of Oregon wishing to visit Switzerland must first secure a passport or equivalent paper of identification bearing the visa of the Swiss consulate in Portland according to instructions received by A. Streiff, Swiss consul, from the Swiss legation in Washington, D. C. Mr. Streiff says that no persons except Swiss citizens will be permitted to enter Swiss territory without such a passport.

Standing timber valued at \$96,527 was destroyed by fires last year, according to the annual report of Forester Elliott. This is the greatest loss in timber by fire since 1910, when the loss totaled \$1,640,997. The fire season last year was the most hazardous since weather records have been established in Oregon, says the forester in the report, and he declares that, had it not been for effective fire fighting work, the loss would have been much greater.

The incomplete list of Oregon victims of the Tuscania sinking is as follows: Tuttle, Terry, Elgin; Moran, William P., Portland; Lewton, Theodore E., Forest Grove, bugler; Stevens, Percy A., Bend; Bjork, George Nelson, St. Helens; Wilson, Curtis W., Salem; Gurney, James B., Glider; Pierce, James L., Creswell; Aaren, Peter A., Jewell; Laako, John A., Astoria; Houston, Elmer A., Held; Murray, Riley F., Eugene; Bates, Henry G., Baker.

The problem of marketing a huge supply of potatoes now on hand in Klamath county has become so serious

Hawaiians at Chautauqua

Waikiki Hawaiian Quartet to Bring True Music of the Islands



One of the rare treats in store for Chautauqua Festival patrons is a short afternoon program and a full evening concert by the Waikiki Hawaiian Quartet. This group of Hawaiian musicians is finely educated and finished in music. They have been one of the favorite stringed quartets of the Hawaiian islands for many years and are said to be the most musically accurate in their reproduction of Hawaiian music. With ukuleles and guitars they play the beautiful, soothing and wistful melodies of the islands in a manner that grips the heart of every one in the audience.

that a meeting was held recently at the office of County Agricultural Agent H. Roland Galsier, of Klamath Falls, to discuss the matter. It is declared that there are between 30 and 50 carloads of spuds in the hands of farmers for which there is no market, and an organization to be known as the Klamath County Potato Growers association will probably be formed to work out this and other problems that may arise in this important industry.

The St. Helens Lumber company must continue furnishing heating service in a certain area in St. Helens whether it wishes to or not. This is the gist of an order handed down by the public service commission and is unique as a precedent among the orders of the commission. The lumber company secured permission from the city in 1910 to lay steam pipes and, up to July 30, 1917, furnished a steam heat service for the public at a fixed rate. The company gave notice that it would discontinue furnishing the service, but upon the filing of the complaint before the commission the service was restored temporarily within a certain area.

Vienna, via London.—The German army group under command of General Alexander von Linsingen, according to an official statement issued by the Austrian war office, has occupied the Russian town of Lutsk, in Volhynia, without fighting.

Forty-One Soldiers Lost on Tuscania. Washington.—Forty-one American soldiers aboard the torpedoed liner Tuscania remained unaccounted for, according to the latest check of lists of survivors and missing. Thirty-three unidentified dead are among those buried in Scotland.

Hi Gill Defeated in Seattle Primaries.

Seattle.—Olo Hanson, real estate man, and James E. Bradford, compete at the final municipal election, March 5, for the office of mayor of Seattle, having been nominated at Tuesday's primaries. Mayor Hiram Gill, who was a candidate, was thus eliminated from the finals.

Chamberlain Undergoes Operation.

Washington.—Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday. The Senator is reported to have stood the shock of operation in a favorable manner and his condition is pronounced very favorable by the attending physicians.

May Raise Wheat to \$2.50 a Bushel.

Washington.—A favorable report on the Gobe bill to increase the minimum price for wheat of the 1918 crop from \$2 to \$2.50 per bushel was made by the senate agricultural committee.

Hog Prices to Continue.

Washington.—The government fixed price of \$15.50 per hundredweight on hogs at the Chicago market will continue to be enforced by the food administration, it is announced.

Camp Lewis Praised.

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.—A camp of big men, in fine physical condition and located at one of the most ideal spots for military training in the United States. This is what Brigadier General Eli A. Helmick, of the inspector general's department at Washington, found at Camp Lewis, he said in an interview after a visit here of more than a week.



BRIEF WAR NEWS

The Russians have withdrawn from northeast Galicia, allowing the Austro-Hungarian forces to occupy Brody without any opposition, according to information from the Austrian frontier.

The French authorities have turned over to the Americans a tract of land behind the lines for use as a cemetery. This is in line with the plans previously announced for the care of the American dead in France.

In Champagne the Germans persist in their attempts against the French positions near the Butte de Meunil. The French, who are aided by American artillery, repulsed enemy efforts, the Germans being unable to reach the French lines.

On the American sector the enemy aviators have been busy over and behind the American lines. American gunners kept the Germans high in the air and one of the enemy was brought down by an American aviator. Nine Americans have been wounded by German shells.

The Russian Bolshevik government has capitulated and announced its readiness, although protestingly, to sign a peace compact under the hard terms imposed by Germany.

Notwithstanding this fact, Teutonic troops are advancing eastward into Russia over a front of 400 miles, from Riga in the north to Lutsk, a scant 50 miles from the east Galician border, on the south. Apparently, thus far the operation has met with no opposition.

Apparently all is still chaos in Russia, with civil war in progress at various points, and the food situation daily growing worse. So serious has become the latter factor that Trotsky has been appointed food controller and given unlimited powers. Already he has ordered the arrest of speculators in foodstuffs.

Chaplain in Army Will Be Increased.

Washington.—Establishment of a school at Fortress Monroe for the training of army chaplains was approved by Secretary of War Baker. There are now 570 chaplains in the service and this number will be gradually increased with the projected examination permitting the appointment of a chaplain for every 1200 officers and men.

SEATTLE CANDIDATE SHOT

Aspirant for Mayor Shot Down in Office.

Seattle.—Ralph A. Horr, prominent Red Cross worker and candidate for the mayoralty nomination at the municipal primaries here Tuesday, was shot Monday night by an unknown man, who concealed himself in Horr's office. The man who fired the shot, as well as another man who accompanied him, escaped.

Horr was able to drag himself to his desk telephone and summon the police. At the city hospital the doctors said he would live.

No reason for the shooting could be given by Horr. He declares, however, that he has received several written threats that if he did not cease his denunciation of anti-patriots he would be killed.

Aviator Vernon Castle Killed.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Captain Vernon Castle, famous dancer and member of the royal flying corps, fell to his death at Benbrook flying field. Captain Castle, who has been acting as an aviator instructor here, met death in an attempt to avert a collision with another plane.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Barley—Standard feed, \$64.50 ton.
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$64.50 ton.
Corn—White, \$78; cracked, \$77.
Hay—Timothy, \$37 per ton; alfalfa, \$22.50.
Butter—Creamery, 47c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 44c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$1.15@1.25 per hundred.
Poultry—Roosters, 20c; geese, 20@21c; ducks, 32@33c; turkeys, live, 25c; dressed, 25c.

Seattle.
Butter—Creamery, 53c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 46c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$27.00 per ton; Yakima Gems, \$30.00.
Poultry—Hens, 28c; dressed, 32@33c; fryers, 32c; turkeys, live, 28@30c; dressed, 35@38c; ducks, live, 30c; dressed, 32c.

"Words are inadequate to express my love."
"I know they are, Ferd," said the dear girl. "Try candy and violets."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

OFFENSIVE EXPECTED ON WESTERN FRONT

Kaiser Is Staking His All on
Mighty Effort to Break
Allied Line.

British Army Headquarters in France.—The great German offensive on the western front may be expected to begin at any moment now and as far as the British front is concerned the main thrust will be made on the sector between Arras and St. Quentin.

Tanks and a "new mysterious gas" will be employed by the enemy in the attempt to break through the allied line. Other attacks will be delivered further south. These facts have become known through captured German prisoners and from information gleaned in other ways.

The plans of the German higher command are complete and after many weeks of intensive training of assaulting troops, they are ready to make the supreme and final effort which has been advertised so widely in the past weeks.

The coming battles will perhaps be the most sanguinary of the war, and they will be the most intense yet seen. But they will mark the beginning of the end, for if the Germans do not break clear through the allied line—and they cannot—they virtually will be finished. The emperor is putting every ounce of strength into this great gamble and if it fails in the early stages it means the end of Prussian militarism. The allied forces have a superiority in numbers, both in men and guns, and no doubt is felt on this front as to the outcome.

FOREIGN TRADE IS
PUT UNDER LICENSE

Washington.—All foreign trade of the United States—exports and imports—was put under license by President Wilson as a part of a general programme of the American and allied governments for releasing ships to transport troops and supplies to Europe.

The less essential exports and imports will be reduced to a minimum and materials regarded as necessary will be transported by the shortest haul possible.

The allies are working in close cooperation with the United States and the trade routes of the world in many instances will be shifted to bring the most economical operation of tonnage.

The allies have already cut their foreign trade sharply, but will make further reductions as a part of the general plan. American representatives sitting in London will work with allied representatives in eliminating and rearranging ocean commerce to free ships for war service.

RECORD DEFICIENCY BILL

Largest Measure of Its Kind Favorably Reported by Committee.

Washington.—A billion-dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the history of congress, although cut a half billion from original estimates, was favorably reported to the house by Chairman Sherry, of the appropriations committee. The bill provides for the immediate needs of the war, navy and other departments.

The principal items for the army in the bill include \$277,732,000 for bombs and airplanes, \$100,000,000 for quartermaster storage plants on the seacoast and interior points, and \$81,000,000 for mountain, field, siege and other artillery in addition to the billion dollars already spent for ordnance and contract authorizations for \$579,000,000 additional.

Poison Gas Plants Planned.

Washington.—A great poison gas campaign is being planned as part of the American offensive against the Germans, testimony before the house appropriations committee just made public shows. Shells full of deadly poison are now ready for shipment from America and General Pershing's urgent request for poison gas plants, both in America and France, has been granted by the house appropriations committee. These two plants will cost about \$10,000,000.

Three Joyous Days at Weston's Chautauqua Festival, March 1, 2, 4.