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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week  
Briefly Sketched for Infor-  
mation of Our Readers.

Portland now has 750 manufacturing establishments employing 36,824 persons.

Linn county's sales of war savings stamps and thrift stamps in February reached a total of \$36,747.93.

The gross receipts from motor vehicles and chauffeur licenses in Oregon for 1917 amount to \$196,787.50.

Of 1248 men attending Oregon Agricultural college last year, 322 are now in the service of their country.

Large shipments of central Oregon potatoes are now going to California as fast as cars can be secured for them.

Members of the Lane county chapter of the Red Cross during the last few weeks have completed 1000 knitted helmets.

L. Jacobs, Klamath capitalist, has purchased 3760 acres of the fertile lower Klamath lake marsh lands, now being drained.

Union county farmers have increased their winter wheat acreage 54 per cent and their spring wheat acreage 42 per cent this year.

Dr. William DeVeny, a frontier associate of "Buffalo Bill" Cody and a Portland chiropractitioner, died at his home in Portland. He was 65 years of age.

Terms of the district judges in Multnomah county expire January 1, 1921, and not January 2, 1919, according to an opinion by Attorney-General Brown.

Bulk handling of wheat is gaining in favor to such an extent that it is estimated that there will be 200 elevators erected in the northwest this season.

C. S. Jackson and R. W. Hagood have submitted the form of an initiative bill which has for its object the fixing of prices to be charged for legal publications.

Abraham Rosenberg, of the University of Oregon, won first place in the annual oratorical contest of the Oregon Intercollegiate Oratorical association at Salem.

While "playing burglar," Virgil Burch, 13 years old, was shot and killed by his 12-year-old chum, Tillman Dutton, at the home of the Dutton boy's parents, at Salem.

Dr. J. E. Anderson of The Dalles filed with Secretary of State Olcott his declaration of intention to be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the May primary.

Circulation of any literature, either books or handbills, is under the ban in Pendleton until it has received the approval of a board of censors which will be appointed by the mayor.

Mrs. Ada Johns, 94 years old, and a first cousin of President Tyler, died at her daughter's home in Salem, following a stroke of paralysis. She crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851.

Two-dollar-and-twenty-cent wheat is promised Portland by Julius H. Barnes, president of the federal grain corporation, in a letter to Representative Hawley, if certain conditions continue.

Irrigation for Langell valley lands in the southeastern part of Klamath county from the waters of Clear Lake, California, was indorsed at a big meeting of prospective water users at Loretta.

The Warren Spruce company is constructing two additional buildings at Toledo to accommodate soldiers who will assist in building the logging road from Toledo to connect with the Miller road.

Some extensive building improvements are now under way at the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. A new horse barn has been completed and a machine shed will be constructed at once.

Hiram Wood, Oregon pioneer of 1852, one of Benton county's first settlers and one of the oldest citizens of Linn county, where he had resided the last 17 years, died at his home in Albany aged 90 years.

Work in the industries which come under the workmen's compensation law has increased 133 per cent in the last year, according to W. A. Marshall, a member of the state industrial accident commission.

Twenty thousand copies of President Wilson's recent message to the farmers of America are being printed by the O. W. R. & N. company for general circulation in the agricultural districts along the company's lines.

Five thousand dollars will be paid by the war risk insurance bureau to Mrs. Allie Pierce, of Creswell, on account of the death of her son, James

L. E. Brown, of the 20th Engineers, who was drowned when the Tuscania was sunk.

Portland's Liberty Temple, so far as known the only one of its kind in the United States, was built Sunday at Sixth and Morrison streets. It will be used as headquarters from which to direct the third Liberty Loan drive, and is the joint donation of labor and capital in the interest of democracy. More than 1000 workers offered their services to build the Temple, and every stonk of timber and every nail was donated by business men.

The Barbey Fish company, at Portland, has leased the Great Northern Pacific docks at Flavel and will convert the warehouse into a salmon-packing plant in time for the beginning of the salmon season, which opens on May 1.

Further apportionment of funds for hardsurfacing will not be made by the state highway commission pending advice from Washington as to the extent construction under direction of the commission can be carried on in Oregon this year.

John J. Whitney, well-known Albany lawyer, ex-county judge of Linn county, several times state legislator and prominent for a half a century in public affairs in the Willamette valley, dropped dead at his home in Albany at the age of 78 years.

Without waiting for the state highway commission to sell its bonds and determine other matters necessary before state aid can be granted, the Umatilla county court will undertake the grading of portions of the Columbia river highway between Pendleton and Echo.

Labor Commissioner Hoff was notified by Miss Grace Abbott, director of the child labor division of the department of labor, that Oregon has again been designated by that department as a state from which certificates relative to child labor will be accepted by the federal board.

Pendleton bids fair to become the fur market of the northwest if the experimental sale of furs to be held there March 30 by the U. S. biological survey meets with the success expected. Heretofore, all northwest furs have been sent to St. Louis for sale, but the last sale was so unsatisfactory that it has been decided to hold a sale in Pendleton.

County Commissioners Roscoe Gard and P. Chitwood, of Jefferson county, elected in 1916, may not have been legally elected at that time, according to an opinion handed down by Attorney-General Brown for District Attorney Boylan because no designation was made on the ballot as to who should run for a four-year term and who for a two-year term.

B. F. Beezley, surveyor of Portland, and a crew of men are surveying the road from Dolph to Hebo in Tillamook county. It is thought the work is being done for the forestry department of the government and it is likely the road will be a unit of a military road for the purpose of getting out spruce, of which there is a large amount in Tillamook county. The road will likely be paved. The survey is about half completed.

Morrow County farmers are not pleased with the prospects of 25-cent wheat sacks for the coming crop, and a large percentage of the new crop will be handled in bulk. Organization of two new grain elevator companies has just been perfected by a number of leading farmers in the Ione section and contracts were closed for the erection of plants at Ione and at Jordan Siding. Each plant will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels.

Four hundred and seventy acres of burned-over land near Detroit will be replanted this spring by government forest rangers, working under the direction of C. C. Hall, of Albany, supervisor of the Santiam national forest. The work will begin about April 1. About 320,000 trees will be planted. Half of the area will be planted to western white pine and the other half to Douglas fir. The area to be replanted is located near Battleax mountain.

The Portland Traffic and Transportation association and the Oregon Portland Cement company instituted action before the public service commission in an effort to compel the Southern Pacific company and the Oregon Electric company to establish, through a route over their lines by way of Jefferson street, Portland, for the shipment of cement in carloads from Oswego to points on the Oregon Electric, and also asking the commission to require the roads to put in effect a schedule of joint rates.

**Sugar From Palms.**  
Sugar is extracted from 16 varieties of palms that grow in Ceylon.

## Swift & Company Publicity

At a recent hearing of the Federal Trade Commission there was introduced, correspondence taken from the private files of Swift & Company, which showed that the Company had been considering for some time an educational advertising campaign.

The need for this publicity has been apparent to us for several years. The gross misrepresentation to which we have recently been subjected has convinced us that we should no longer delay in putting before the public the basic facts of our business, relying on the fair-mindedness of the American people.

The feeling against the American packer is based largely on the belief that the income and well-being of the producer and consumer are adversely affected by the packers' operations, resulting in unreasonably large profits.

Swift & Company's net profit is reasonable, and represents an insignificant factor in the cost of living.

For the fiscal year 1917 the total sales and net profit of Swift & Company were as follows:

Sales  
\$875,000,000.

Profits  
\$34,650,000.

This is equivalent to a \$3,465. profit on a business of \$87,500.



If Swift & Company had made no profit at all, the cattle raiser would have received only one-eighth of a cent per pound more for his cattle, or the consumer would have saved only one-quarter of a cent per pound on dressed beef.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

## AMERICANS IN RAID IN TOUL SECTOR

Enter German Trenches for  
First Time Alone, and Re-  
turn Without Loss.

With the American Army in France. —The American raiding party entered the German trenches along the Toul sector at 6 o'clock Monday morning, after an artillery bombardment of 45 minutes, and brought back much material and information, but captured no prisoners. It was the first raid undertaken by the Americans without the aid of the French.

The Americans entered the enemy trenches behind one side of a "box" barrage which moved forward in front of them. They found numerous Germans hiding in the dugouts. In the hand to hand fighting which followed a number of the enemy were killed and wounded and left in the trenches. Going far beyond their objective, the raiders penetrated the German line 200 yards.

In the hand to hand fighting the Americans used their automatic pistols and rifles. During the raid the American machine guns placed a barrage in the enemy back area to prevent a counter attack.

The Americans fought so fast and did their work so quickly that the medical men who accompanied them had little to do. Every American who left the front line returned.

The Americans reached their own lines without one German shell having fallen anywhere near them, for it was all over so quickly the German batteries did not have a good chance to get into action. The Americans were inside the enemy lines for 15 minutes.

## AMERICANS CARRY OUT 3 RAIDS IN LORRAINE

With the American Army in France. —American troops, co-operating with the French, have carried out three raids opposite the American sector in Lorraine. Two of the raids were executed simultaneously at night.

The Americans swept past the German first line and penetrated to the enemy's second line, 600 yards back. When the Americans reached the enemy first line the barrage was lifted so as to box in the German positions at both points.

The men dropped into the enemy's trenches, expecting a hand-to-hand fight, but found the Germans had fled. Continuing the advance, they went forward 600 yards to the second German line. All the time American machine guns were firing on each flank of the two parties to prevent the enemy from undertaking flanking operations.

## CAN FURNISH 400 VESSELS Spokesmen for Northwest Bay Lumber Supply for Ships Adequate.

Washington.—Oregon and Washington can furnish between 400 and 500 wooden ships a year, witnesses from the Pacific coast told the senate commerce committee, if the emergency fleet corporation would furnish the lumbermen with a standardized program.

Fears of the shipping board that the lumber supply in the northwest is inadequate were declared unfounded.

H. B. Van Dusen, of Oregon, declared the mills in his state had not reached their maximum capacity and said production of wooden ships on the Pacific coast could be accelerated.

J. H. Bloedel, of Seattle, chairman of the fir production board, said he had just completed a survey of the lumber supply in Washington and had submitted the information to the shipping board. Sawmills in Washington, Mr. Bloedel said, have ample capacity to produce what timber the government needs for ships.

## Wilson Pledges U. S. Aid to Slavs.

Washington.—On the eve of the gathering at Moscow of the Russian congress of soviets, which is to pass judgment on the German-made peace accepted by the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk, President Wilson has sent a message of sympathy to the Russian people through the congress. The message also conveys a pledge that the United States will avail itself of every opportunity to aid them in driving out autocracy and restoring Russia to her place in the world with complete sovereignty and independence.

## GOVERNMENT FIRM ON CASUALTY RULE

Washington.—The war department gives no indication of yielding in its determination to withhold the home addresses of soldiers killed or wounded, or who die of other causes in France.

Basing its position on the objections the French government made to General Pershing against the American method of issuing casualty lists, the department intends to meet objections in the answer that the old system betrays valuable military information to the enemy and the fact that nearest relatives of soldiers are officially notified hours before they could get the information from the newspapers.

Pointing out that the French publish no casualty list at all, but merely notify the relatives, war department officials give as their explanation for the new move that the enemy by scanning the complete casualty lists as they have previously been issued is enabled to piece out a fair idea of the identity of the troops confronting him.

Although, under the new plan, relatives will be notified and, officials expect, publication of names of troops will find their way into local newspapers, it is felt that the publications will be widely scattered and that the task of assembling the names from all the newspapers of the country and consolidating them into military information would be such a tremendous one that from the aspect of a spy system it is practically impossible.

## FARMER'S TAX EXPLAINED Income Assessment Applies to Profits From Farm Products.

Washington.—Income tax regulations for farmers, issued by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper, provide that all gains, profits or income received in 1917 from sale or exchange of farm products, whether raised on the farm or purchased and re-sold, must be included in the return.

Deductions from gross income may be claimed only for expenses connected directly with farming operations for last year, and made during the year, even though crops on which the expenditures were made were not sold within the year.

A former ruling that the cost of stock purchased for resale is an al-

lowable deduction under the item of expense is annulled, and these expenditures now are regarded as capital investments. Consequently, when the livestock is sold, the original cost may be deducted from the sale price, to ascertain the profit, which is taxable.

## Oscar Main Acquitted.

Chehalis, Wash.—Oscar B. Main was acquitted on the first ballot by the jury in the Lewis County district court, which tried him on a charge of murder of Fred Swayne, Napavine merchant. The acquittal of Main comes as a culmination of a trial that has attracted wide interest. Main, a Napavine business man, a graduate of the University of Washington and brother of Justice Main of the Washington supreme court, was charged with having slain Fred Swayne, a close friend and neighbor, and also a business man of Napavine.

## Fewer Autos to Be Built.

New York.—Production of pleasure automobiles will be cut 30 per cent during the present fiscal year as a war measure, according to a decision reached by the National Automobile chamber of commerce.

## GERMAN ADVANCE IN RUSSIA HELD FUTILE

Washington.—Germany's advance in Russia is described by the war department's weekly military review as another futile attempt on the part of the Germans to shift the center of gravity of the war, which still remains on the west front, where the Teutons face the French, British, Italian, Belgian and ever-growing American forces. There, the review says, lie the key positions of the war. American troops now occupy trenches at four separate points and, as was recently disclosed, in the principal sector their front is four and a half miles long.

They have been constantly engaged, the department says, and the scope of their activities is being constantly extended.

Nothing is found in the situation to indicate that the Germans have abandoned their plans for a great offensive in the west, and it says the allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are content to let the enemy break himself against their impregnable line.

## THE MARKETS

### Portland.

Barley—Standard feed, \$72 per ton.  
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$70 per ton.  
Corn—Whole, \$77; cracked, \$78.  
Hay—Timothy, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$24.50.

Butter—Creamery, 50c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 35c per dozen.  
Potatoes—\$1.05@1.20 per hundred;  
Yakimas, \$1.25@1.40.  
Poultry—Roosters, old, 29@22c;  
stags, 24@26c; springs, 27@28c; broil-  
ers, 35c; ducks, 32@35c; geese, 30@  
21c; turkeys, alive, 26@27c; dressed,  
35@37c per pound.

### Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 53c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 42c per dozen.  
Poultry—Fryers, fresh dressed, 32c;  
roosters, fresh dressed, 33c; frozen  
hens, light 30c, medium 32c; ducks,  
live 30c, dressed 32c; geese, live 25c,  
dressed 30c; turkeys, live 28@30c;  
dressed, 36@40c.

### Measure Smoke.

A British committee for investigation of atmospheric pollution maintains smoke measuring apparatus in 16 English and Scotch towns.

Nearly 30,000 acres more than last year will be in grain in Umatilla county this year, according to the crop census, the returns from which are being compiled by County Agent Shrock. Eighty per cent of the farmers of the county have turned in their reports, and the figures show that there is an increase of 28 1/2 per cent in the amount of winter wheat in the ground and that, while there is a decrease in the amount of spring grain it absorbs but a small part of the increase, showing but 4 1/2 per cent less than last year. Mr. Shrock says that the number of additional acres to be planted this year is 28,635 acres.

The war department has sent a communication to Oregon Agricultural college asking for experienced radio operators. Proficient men will be ordered at once in groups of five to Washington, without the customary delay of training camps. These operators, says the communication, will be ordered on detached service of a highly confidential nature. Special radio instruments have been assembled for this work and new methods have been mapped out for their use. The college is now conducting a radio school which runs day and evening and from which several Oregon boys have already been graduated.