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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Joseph's second annual chautauqua, will be held June 24-29.

Portland has reached the \$1,000,000 mark in war savings stamps sales.

Work on the state highway between Oregon City and New Era is progressing rapidly.

County Agent Kable says that Benton county never had better prospects of a great crop of fruit than at the present.

The Fife-Wilson Lumber company, of Bandon, has sold its fleet of three vessels to a San Francisco shipping company.

C. E. Rude, Pendleton cattle buyer, completed a deal in Jefferson county, paying \$100,000 for 650 head of prime beef stock.

Albany will have no city primary election this year. The time has passed within which to file petitions and no candidates filed.

An assignment of 240 men from various military camps of the country at Oregon Agricultural college for training will arrive May 15.

Anderson J. Harlow, a pioneer who came from Wellington, Mo., and settled in Lane county in 1851, died at his home five miles north of Eugene at the age of 82 years.

"Hank" Bryant, a well known railroad man of pioneer days of Oregon and for many years conductor on the Heppner branch of the O. W. R. & N. Co., died at The Dalles.

Formal dedication of the Vista House at Crown Point on the Columbia river highway will take place Sunday afternoon, May 5, under the auspices of the Vista House association.

What may prove to be the nucleus of a state organization of women to be known as the Oregon Legion of Home Defense, an auxiliary of the Home Guard, is being organized at Salem.

The indebtedness of the City of Eugene has been materially reduced in the past fiscal year, according to the report of the city treasurer. This shows a total reduction of \$115,225.22.

War workers from every section of the state will meet in Portland on May 22 and 23 at the first Oregon war conference, which is to be held under the auspices of the state council of defense.

The amount of ship contracts Oregon shipyards had on hand April 15 was \$175,300,000, according to a statement on the shipbuilding industry in this district compiled by the Portland chamber of commerce.

Hiram Terwilliger, a pioneer Portland citizen, died at his home in South Portland, aged 75 years. For 70 years he had lived in Portland, arriving with his parents after an eventful trip across the plains.

Dell Blancett, famous all around cowboy and one of the best known frontier show performers of the west, was killed in action on the western front on March 30, according to a telegram received in Pendleton.

A representative of the state highway engineer's office will make a reconnaissance of the road between Klamath Falls and Fort Klamath, 40 miles north, with the idea of improving this much traveled highway with cinders.

A world's record in rapid wooden ship construction was established in Portland Saturday when the hull of the steamer Wakan left the ways of the Grant Smith-Porter Ship Co. The keel of the Wakan was laid only 51 days ago.

Attorney-General Brown declared that a law providing for jackrabbit bounties in Harney county is invalid, in the light of a supreme court opinion holding a similar law, enacted by the people under the initiative in Lake county, invalid.

After soundly "roasting" the Electric Light & Power company of Burns, Harney county, for its inadequate equipment and poor quality of service, the public service commission denied the company's application for an increase in rates.

Military training and courses designed to prepare men and women for special lines of war work are to be the features of the University of Oregon's 14th annual summer session, which will open this year on June 24 and close August 2.

The federal government will start in a few days on the restocking of the burned area of the Santiam national

forest. The government will plant 320,000 trees, half pine and half Douglas fir, in a burned over area totaling 470 acres. This is located on Battle Ax mountain.

Seventy-five additional physicians in the quota assigned to Oregon in the call for 6000 new officers of the medical reserve corps, according to instructions received by Dr. C. J. McCusker, secretary of the Oregon Medical association, from Alexander R. Craig, secretary of the American Medical association, in pursuance of a request made by the surgeon-general.

Eugene may become the center of belladonna culture if experiments now being made by A. Hagedorn, prove successful. Mr. Hagedorn will plant two acres to this medicinal plant this spring and believes that the experiment will be a success.

As the result of an alleged altercation over range for their respective bands of sheep, Will Holbrook, a sheepman of eastern Klamath county, is reported to have shot and killed O. T. McKendree, a prominent sheepman of Klamath Falls, at Dry Prairie.

Loafing promises to soon be an unhealthy industry in Astoria. The city council after consultation with the federal authorities has decreed that all able bodied men in the city must either be employed or be prosecuted as slackers and public nuisances.

With the close of the second week of the third Liberty loan drive, every town in the state had passed its assigned quota, making Oregon a full 100 per cent state. Estimates Saturday night, based on scattering reports that were not compiled, were that Oregon's total to date was in excess of \$24,000,500.

The plant production section of the emergency fleet corporation has considered favorably a suggestion of State Labor Commissioner Hoff that an overseer whose duty shall be to look after the safety of workers, and also to oversee the protection of the vessels, be placed on each ship under construction for the government.

Candidates for nomination for public office and sponsors of measures to appear on the ballot May 17 are warned of the provisions of the corrupt practices act in sending paid advertising to the newspapers. The law strictly requires that political advertisements show plainly that the matter is paid for and who is paying for it.

Out of 495 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending April 18, inclusive, five were fatal. The fatal accidents were James Greife, Roseburg, light and power employe; Andrew Jansen, Portland, construction employe; Edward Berg, Portland, shipbuilder; D. R. Wheeler, Marshfield, shipbuilder; E. R. Kelley, St. Helens, shipbuilder.

Mayor C. L. Palmer of Baker, has received word from S. A. Mitchell, president of the Leander McCormick University, of Virginia, that he and five others of the faculty of the university would arrive April 28 to make preparations for observing the eclipse of the sun June 8. Mr. McCormick said that six other members of the party would arrive later.

Some poultrymen and ranchers of the state seem to have been confused by a recent food administration order providing that a license must be obtained by those wishing to place eggs in storage. The only producers required to obtain the license, said Assistant Food Administrator Newell, are those in the business on a large scale, such as shippers' associations. Dealers and commission firms need no government permit before placing eggs in storage.

That a bill for the reduction of the area of the national bird reserve, including territory in Klamath county, Oregon and Siskiyou county, California, is up for consideration before the public lands committee at Washington, is news just received from Senator Charles McNary. The reduction of the area of the reserve will open to homestead settlement and development valuable acreage now being reclaimed in the lower Klamath lake marshes.

L. I. Howes, district engineer for the department of agriculture at Portland, in charge of road development work for the government, has been designated by the capital issues committee to investigate the proposed issue of \$1,500,000 in road bonds. Engineer Howes will meet with the state highway commission in Portland and go over the entire matter. The commission, under state law, could sell \$2,000,000 worth of bonds this year. Already \$500,000 worth have been sold with the consent of the capital issues committee.



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TWO MILLION MEN TO BE IN CLASS 1

Washington.—Under the classification of men for selective draft service Provost Marshal General Crowder has advised the senate military committee approximately 2,000,000 will be placed in Class 1—from which it is expected all future calls will be taken. These 2,000,000, according to General Crowder, are exclusive of between 500,000 and 1,000,000 more annually, who, it is estimated, will be made subject to military duty under the bill now in congress subjecting to registration youths reaching their majority. From the 2,000,000 men in Class 1—nearly 20 per cent of the total registration of the country—and the additional number secured by new legislation, General Crowder has advised senators that it will be improbable that calls will go outside of the highest class. Of youths reaching 21 years of age under the new legislation it is believed that at least 90 per cent will be placed in Class 1.

Every Affection In Patriotism.
Dear are our parents, dear our children, our relatives and our associates, but all our affections for all these are embraced in our affection for our native land.—Cicero.

CHANNELS TO U-BOAT BASES ARE BLOCKED

London.—The German submarine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast, were raided by British naval forces, according to an admiralty announcement. The announcement said that five old cruisers, which had been fitted with concrete for use in blocking channels, were run aground and blown up. Not only was the mouth of the canal at Zeebrugge blocked, but British sailors and marines who participated in the raid on the German submarine bases believe that they destroyed every gun on the mole, demolished the sheds throughout its entire length and blew up large stores of munitions contained in the sheds.

Work Requires Expert.
An herbarium is a collection of dried plants systematically arranged and named, for ready reference. If the work is well done the material in constant demand. The two classes of herbaria are kept separate, being the garden plants and the native or wild plants. Only an expert, and a careful one, may collect with hope of profit.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR EARTHQUAKE WRECKS CALIFORNIA TOWNS

After a month of battering at the allied lines on the western front the Germans have attained none of their main objectives. Von Hindenburg has failed to separate the French from the British armies; he has failed to overwhelm Field Marshal Haig's forces; he has failed to capture Amiens, and he has failed to break through the British lines protecting the roads to the channel ports. These four repulses have resulted in such frightful German losses that even the ruthless war machine of the bloody house of Hohenzollern has been compelled to halt its destruction of Teutonic manpower, and for several days there was very little fighting on the British front.

Renewal of heavy fighting is momentarily looked for along the western battle front, not only on the Flanders line, but the south, in the Somme area, where the Germans made their bid for a quick victory and failed in their larger purpose of dividing the British and French armies at a single stroke. Against further assaults the armies of six nations are standing together in the battle area—British, French, American, Belgian, Italian and Portuguese divisions—ready not only to repel attacks, but to strike back when the proper moment comes.

Apparently the allies have thrown in only enough of their reserves to hold the Germans, conserving their strength as far as possible. It has been noted, however, that when the necessity of holding becomes imperative the holding power was there.

Saturday the Germans launched a fierce attack against the Americans and the French northwest of Toul, but were repulsed. Although the Germans attacked in waves with greatly superior numbers of men, the Americans and Frenchmen held their positions and inflicted heavy losses. What gains were made in the initial onslaughts were retrieved and Sunday night saw the American and French lines restored.

Pershing Reports on Engineers.
Washington.—There were 122 casualties among the American engineers forming the hastily summoned command under Major General Carey which filled in the gaps torn by the Hun in the British lines, General Pershing has notified the war department. Two regiments went into action and two officers and 20 men were killed. Three officers and 52 men were wounded, and 45 are reported as missing.

Germans Said to Threaten Holland.
London.—The German ultimatum to Holland, according to advices in London, demands the right of transit not only for civilian supplies and of sand and gravel through Holland, but also for war materials. The privilege of transit is asked not only on the Dutch canals, but also on the railways.

Poet Too Artificial.
In the same year as Lovelace, or just three centuries ago, was born Abraham Cowley, who published his first book of poems at the age of fifteen and to whom fell the posthumous honor of leading off Samuel Johnson's "Lives of the Poets." Johnson ranked him among those he called the "metaphysical" poets and expressed a dislike for his far-fetched conceits with which the present-day reader would heartily coincide.

Marvin Chase, state hydraulic engineer of Washington, has filed with State Engineer Lewis a stipulation prepared by the attorney general of Washington affecting interstate irrigation rights along the east branch of Mud creek in Umatilla county. The controversy involves 182 acres in Washington, which claim priority of rights over lands in Oregon which have decreed water rights and it is the purpose of the stipulation to have the administrative authorities deny Oregon users 3.5 second feet of water so that it may flow down to satisfy prior rights in Washington.

Professor Earl Fitzpatrick, of the University of Washington and director of the bureau of development for the Red Cross, and Dr. J. W. Houston, superintendent of the moss dressing department of the northwest division, are at Astoria arranging to procure 20 carloads of sphagnum moss for the Red Cross. Absorbent pads are to be made from the moss in the future instead of cotton and sent to the fighting forces in France by the Red Cross. Sphagnum moss grows in quantities on the marshes in Clatsop county. It is said to have 18 to 20 times the absorbent qualities of cotton.

EARTHQUAKE WRECKS CALIFORNIA TOWNS

Practically All Buildings In Hemet and San Jacinto Destroyed.

Los Angeles.—All of southern California and part of western Arizona were shaken Sunday at 3:32 P. M. by an earthquake which wrecked practically all buildings and residences in Hemet and San Jacinto, two inland towns 45 miles southeast of Riverside, and caused minor property damage in practically every town and city.

The severity of the shock seemed greatest inland, but it was distinctly apparent at almost every point over California south from a line from Barstow to the coast and in some parts of Arizona, although no damage was reported there.

In Los Angeles and vicinity the damage was apparent mainly in broken windows. Hundreds of large plate-glass windows here were shattered. Several large buildings showed cracks or bulges, but the extent of such damage to buildings could not be definitely ascertained.

Homes all over southern California were shaken, dishes rattled, furniture moved and in many places the shock was such as to cause the occupants to tumble out hastily.

PROPERTY DAMAGE LARGE

Trembler Shakes 36 Business Buildings Down in Two Towns.

Hemet, Cal.—The towns of Hemet and San Jacinto, which lies north of here a distance of about two miles on the same branch of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, were both seriously damaged by a severe earthquake shock which occurred at 3:30 P. M. Sunday.

The total number of business buildings destroyed here was 21 and at San Jacinto 15. In addition a number of brick residences were shaken down at each place.

The property damage here is estimated at \$250,000 by merchants and property owners who suffered the most loss. The San Jacinto damage was estimated at a like sum.

At both places persons sustained slight injuries from flying glass and falling brick but, owing to the fact that the most damage occurred in the business districts, which were practically deserted at that hour on Sunday afternoon, the casualties were negligible.

PRESIDENT OPPOSES COURT MARTIAL BILL

Washington.—President Wilson came out in opposition to the Chamberlain bill which would try violations of the seditious laws by courts martial, and in a letter to Senator Overman, of North Carolina, declared his belief that the measure is unconstitutional. If enacted, the president declared, the bill would place the United States on a level with its enemies. The measure, he said, is opposed to the spirit and purpose of the espionage laws.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, author of the measure, announced later that in view of the president's attitude he would not press the bill and that further hearings on it by the military committee would be postponed indefinitely. President Wilson's letter was written in response to one from Senator Overman, asking his opinion on the Chamberlain bill.

Soldiers Who Object Chastened.
Camp Lewis, Wash.—After two conscientious objectors had been ducked in American lake by other soldiers for refusing to wear their uniforms, 50 of their comrades donned full khaki attire when an official order was handed down to "wear a uniform or stay in bed." The objectors had been wearing their civilian clothing since reaching camp, but when the order was issued they promptly complied.

U. S. Loss in Fight is 200.
Washington.—Information that the Americans sustained more than 200 casualties and the Germans suffered between 300 and 400 in the recent fighting at Seicheprey, northwest of Toul, is understood to be contained in General Pershing's first account of the battle, now in the hands of the war department.

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