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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The run of salmon in the Umpqua this year is unusually heavy.

Military drill will be inaugurated this fall in the public schools of Linn county.

Twenty Linn county school districts are yet without teachers for the coming school year.

The Oregon state convention of the Brethren convened at Albany for a session of five days. Almost 100 delegates were present.

Forty-two nominees for office nominated at the primaries last May have failed to file the acceptances, according to Secretary of State Olcott.

Cottage Grove will have free mail delivery, beginning September 2, the postoffice having received orders to make the necessary preparations.

Findings of a badly decomposed body near Powers is believed to solve the mystery of William Dietz' disappearance from Marshfield two weeks ago.

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Red Cross salvage shop in North Bend by representatives of the various women's organizations.

The advance guards of the Indians from the Warm Springs reservation, who come every year to the Willamette valley to pick hops, has arrived in Eugene.

Oregon hens from Oregon Agricultural college are holding first place in each of the three great egg laying contests, Storrs, British Columbia and Pullman.

Joseph Monocow, wanted on a charge of having slain Mary Spina, aged 18, in her home at Portland, was arrested at Vancouver, B. C., and returned to Portland.

Contracts for four more steel vessels of the 3800-ton type have been awarded by the Emergency Fleet corporation to the Albina Engine & Machine works, of Portland.

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' association will hold its annual convention and sangerfest, with hall concerts, in Portland, August 31 and September 1 and 2.

The initiative and referendum pamphlets have been mailed to the electorate of the state. The pamphlets went to approximately 310,000 voters, Secretary Olcott stated.

Union and Wallawalla counties have more grouse this year than in many previous years, hunters from over the two counties report. The percentage of young ones is unusually heavy.

According to information received by the Hood River county court, the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier will not be constructed during the period of the war.

Establishment of a twine industry at the state penitentiary is a project to which Governor Withycombe is giving consideration and which probably will be submitted to the legislature.

The Salem branch of the Insurance Federation of Oregon passed resolutions opposed to the government's taking over of the insurance business, as proposed in bills pending before congress.

The August report of E. L. Kent, field agent of the bureau of crop estimates, shows the onion prospects of Oregon at 70 per cent of normal as to condition, in comparison with 80 per cent of a year ago.

At the request of Secretary McAdoo, State Fire Marshal Wells has changed the date of fire prevention day in this state from October 9 to November 2, so that it will not conflict with the liberty loan campaign.

Under the budget of the Hood River Applegrowers' association, just adopted by the directors, a maximum charge of 28 cents per box for apples and 10 cents for pears may be made for handling the fruit the coming year.

Fire, caused either by a short circuit or a break in the power line, burned out three of the large transformers at the Link river power plant of the California-Oregon Power company, with an estimated loss of \$6000.

To offset the hay shortage, which threatens the coming winter, ranchers operating along the shores of the big upper Klamath lake are putting up thousands of tons of wild hay, which has never heretofore been cut.

Immediate construction of a coal storage dock near the municipal elevator at St. Johns was decided upon at a meeting of the Port of Portland com-

mission. Costing between \$50,000 and \$75,000, the new dock is expected to save from 25 to 35 cents a ton in loading the coal on ships in the Port and harbor.

The schools at Creswell, Lane county, will not open until one month later than usual, to permit the boys and girls to assist in the harvesting of crops and especially the prune crop in the orchard owned by L. D. Scarborough, which covers 160 acres and is the largest of its kind in the upper Willamette valley.

All the shipbuilding firms save one, all of the paper and woolen mills and 95 per cent of the firms engaged in the lumber industry will be under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act after September 1, according to a statement issued by the Industrial Accident commission.

The number of industrial accidents reported to the state accident commission during the past week exceeds all previous records. The total number is 691, of which four were fatal, as follows: Joe De Mario, Cochran, logging; Carl Barnard, Buxton, brakeman; George Mall, Portland, shipbuilding; K. Shibata, Cochran, logging.

The Columbia & Nehalem River railroad, which runs from Kerry into the Nehalem valley, wants to advance its rates for forest products. Statements of the officials of the public have been submitted to the Public Service commission of Oregon, showing that the business is being handled at a loss, due to the increased cost of operation.

In response to a demand from educators in many parts of the country, Dr. F. G. Franklin, dean of Albany college, is preparing to write another volume of his work, "The Legislative History of Naturalization in the United States," and bring it down to date. Though it requires a great deal of research work and probably will take a long time, Dr. Franklin will undertake the task.

Although estimates for the various institutions and state activities are practically all in, the state Tax commission postponed final consideration of them until August 23. It is believed the estimates will reach a total of nearly \$10,000,000, about \$3,000,000 above the appropriations of two years ago. It is not believed that the commission will go before the people and ask for such a sum.

Squaw Creek Irrigation district, in Crook county, has applied to the state securities commission for certification of \$98,000 of bonds which the district wishes to sell to provide funds to purchase the canals and water rights of the Squaw Creek Irrigation company. Considerable controversy has existed between the district and the company and the district desires to take over the existing canals and operate them.

First-hand investigation of the dairy situation throughout the United States has convinced B. H. Rawl, chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture, with headquarters in Washington, that the industry is in a serious plight in many places. The situation in Oregon is none too favorable to the dairymen, he said on completing a two-day survey which covered points in Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

Two suits to recover an aggregate of \$420,000 were filed in the Lane county circuit court by W. B. Dennis, against the Black Butte Quicksilver Mining company, owning mines in southern Lane county. Mr. Dennis is manager of the Carlton Lumber company at Carlton. One suit is to foreclose a mortgage dating from April, 1901, for \$70,000, and the other to recover on notes in the sum of \$350,000. The mortgage covers a tract of 980 acres of land.

The insect which has been causing damage to airplane spruce has been definitely identified as the ambrosia beetle, and the bureau of entomology of the United States forest service has made recommendations to the spruce division for the control of the insect. The beetle bores into the wood, weakening the natural resistance of the spruce. It does not attack the green timber, only the felled trees being affected, and these only during the summer months.

Yaquina bay residents who have sold their property to the government for a right-of-way for the railroad under construction around the bay have no legal right to demand free passes on the road in addition to the money received for their property, and by statutory provision such passes are prohibited. This, in substance, is the reply of the public service commission to an inquiry received from Lieutenant Henry K. Norton, of the government right-of-way department at Newport.

BOY SCOUTS! Attention!

All Boy Scouts—and none but Boy Scouts—are eligible to compete in a subscription contest which the WESTON LEADER will inaugurate for the purpose of increasing its list and raising funds for investment in Liberty Bonds. We will buy Liberty Bonds with every dollar received by us from the proceeds of this contest, which opens next

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 10 A. M.

—AND CLOSES—

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 10 A. M.

- One Year's Subscription, \$1.50.....100 Votes
 - Two Years' Subscription, \$3.00.....250 Votes
 - * Or Two Subscriptions One Year
 - Three Years' Subscription, \$4.50.....450 Votes
 - * Or Three Subscriptions One Year
 - Four Years' Subscription, \$6.00.....700 Votes
 - * Or Four Subscriptions One Year
 - Five Years' Subscription, \$7.50.....1000 Votes
 - * Or Five Subscriptions One Year
- (* Must be taken by one patron at one transaction.)

TEN PERCENT OF ALL HIS COLLECTIONS IS PAID TO EACH COLLECTOR

TWENTY PERCENT OF ENTIRE BALANCE GOES INTO PRIZE FUND

Remember, boys, each of you will receive ten percent of all you collect, this commission to be deducted by you when making your daily turnover. Then you have a chance of winning a prize also, this depending upon your industry and success as a subscription salesman.

The PRIZE FUND will be divided as follows: First prize, 50 percent. Second prize, 25 percent. Third prize, 15 percent. Fourth prize, 10 percent.

Thus if the net collections should reach a total of \$500 the PRIZE FUND would be \$100 and the Boy Scout getting the most votes would receive a first prize of \$50. The second prize would be \$25, the third \$15, and the fourth \$10.

The prizes will be paid by the LEADER in bank checks when the contest is ended and the decision of the judges announced.

Rules of The Contest

Judges—J. W. Porter, Frank Price, Robert Proudft. Two judges constitute a quorum.

Judges only to hold key to sealed and locked ballot box, which will be kept constantly at store of Weston Mercantile Co.

Count to be made by judges every Thursday at 10 a. m. Final count Thursday, September 26, 10 a. m.

Entrants may obtain receipt and ballot blanks by calling at the Leader office next Tuesday, August 27, at 10 a. m. We would prefer to have all the Boy Scouts who expect to enter, come in a body at the time stated. However, if any boy is unable to come at that time he will be permitted to enter the contest later.

Entrants securing subscriptions are expected to turn in their collections and votes each day—unless unavoidably prevented from so doing—at the store of the Weston Mercantile Co.

New subscriptions and renewals count the same.

Out-of-town subscribers may name their choice of candidates in making their remittances. With the correct number of votes noted thereon, either by themselves or the publisher, their letters of remittance will be placed in the ballot box and will constitute legal ballots. All local ballots must be of one prescribed and printed form, furnished by this office under proper safeguards. The number of votes in the ballot box each week must tally with the sums received on subscription.

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BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

Almost yard by yard, French and British are prying their way between five vital points in the Germans' Picardy line, rendering the enemy's hold on certain places more and more precarious. At the extreme southern corner of the battle front, the French already have shod General von Boehm over the edge of the important Lassigny heights dominating the country for miles around.

Marshal Foch has at last definitely connected the battles of the Aisne and the Somme. Announcement is made that, by a local attack, the plateau north of Autrech, about 19 miles northwest of Soissons, has been carried by the French, and that their success gives them a position dominating the region extending northward toward the Oise river.

Gradually the famous Lys salient in the region west of Armentieres is giving way under the pressure of the British. Again Field Marshal Haig's forces have compelled the enemy to seek ground to the eastward where he will be more secure from the shells of the big guns that for several weeks have been firing cross-over over the entire salient, working havoc among the defenders of the insecure line.

The Germans are getting no rest from the Franco-British pressure north and south of the Somme, and the French and Americans along the Vesle. The Americans in Lorraine are harassing the enemy by artillery fire and local attacks. Nowhere has the enemy had the better of any encounter.

100 I. W. W. Found Guilty of Sedition.
Chicago.—One hundred leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World were found "guilty as charged in the indictment" by the jury after one hour's deliberation at their trial for conspiracy to disrupt the nation's war program. The defendants, including William D. Haywood, general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., the highest position in the organization, face a maximum penalty of 27 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine each.

\$1,000,000 to Fight Forest Fires.
Washington.—A loan of \$1,000,000 has been made to the forest service from the president's special defense fund to combat fires in the national forests of the northwestern and Pacific coast states.

Ty Cobb to Enter Army.
Washington.—Ty Cobb, Detroit outfielder and star batsman, passed the physical examination for a commission in the gas and flame division of the army.

STATE PRISON IN TURMOIL

Prisoners in Washington Penitentiary Mutiny When One is Shot.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Convicts in the state penitentiary started a mutiny about 7:30 Tuesday night and the noise could be heard for over a considerable portion of Walla Walla. The disturbance resulted from the shooting of Fred (Tiger) Johnson by a guard. Johnson was killed by Guard John Davison while endeavoring to escape. Davison was exonerated by the coroner. Johnson was assisted by John Vandell, who murdered E. W. Olson, state industrial insurance commissioner.

French Strike Suddenly in Picardy.

Paris.—The French struck suddenly in a new sector, driving into the German lines midway between the Picardy and Soissons-Rheims fronts, the war office announced. Enemy positions were carried on a front of more than three miles to a depth of nearly a mile in the region of Autrech, nine miles west and north of Soissons.

Favorable Report on Man-Power Bill.

Washington.—A favorable report was voted by the house military committee on the administration manpower bill with an amendment providing that youths from 18 to 20 years of age shall be placed in separate classifications to be called into military service after men from 20 to 45.

BRITISH ADVANCE FAR IN FLANDERS

Attack on 4-Mile Front Gains More Than a Mile and 400 Prisoners.

London.—The British troops west of Armentieres have advanced their line to a depth of 1000 to 2000 yards on a four-mile front between Vieux Berguin and Bailleul and also made progress southwest of Marville, according to the official statement. The village of Outtersteun and 400 prisoners were captured.

Fighting by patrols, during the course of which the British lines on the Somme front are being pressed forward slightly day by day, continues.

East of Arras along the Scarpe river the British in sharp fighting have advanced their line to the east of the village of Fampoux, while farther north, astride the Lys river, the British have reached L'Epinette and north of Merville have captured the villages of Vierhoek and La Couronne, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication from headquarters.

By withdrawing their forces in the Merville section of the Lys salient the Germans definitely have given up one of the points from which a drive for Calais logically would be launched. This is taken to indicate that the German high command has abandoned hope of reaching the coast and now is chiefly concerned with getting the German lines back to a place of greater security.

OVER 3 MILLION MEN UNDER ARMS

Washington.—Of more than 3,000,000 men now under arms, the United States has sent nearly one-half, or more than 1,450,000, overseas for service against the enemy in France, Italy and Siberia.

These figures were given by General March in his Saturday talks with newspaper men and members of the senate military committee.

The senators were told that some transports are making the trip to Europe and back in 19 days, and that the average has been reduced to 23 days, which with additional shipping becoming available makes the great job of getting 50 divisions of American troops to France by June 30, 1919, certain of success.

General March renewed his statement made to the senate military affairs committee that there will be at least 80 American divisions or 3,600,000 men of all arms and capacities under a united command on the western front by June 30, 1919. Of actual combatants he said there will be on the firing line, or in touch with it, at least 2,200,000 American troops.

U. S. CASUALTIES 21,467

Army Loss Total 18,707 and Marine Corps 2760.

Washington.—Casualties in the United States overseas forces, announced by the war and navy departments during the week ending Sunday, numbered 1365, compared with 4916 for the previous week. Total casualties announced to date number 21,467. Total army casualties number 18,707; the marine corps lists total 2760.

Total deaths, including the killed in action, deaths from wounds, disease, accident and other causes since the United States forces landed in France number 8133, including 291 lost at sea. Of that number 7296 were of the army and 837 of the marine corps.

The wounded to date number 11,816, of which 9785 are of the army and 1330 of the marine corps.

Men missing in action and prisoners number 1719, of which 1626 are of the army and 93 of the marine corps.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$59.25 ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$54 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76.
Hay—Timothy, \$31 per ton; alfalfa, \$28.
Butter—Creamery, 50c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 48c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$43@45 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 23@25c; springs, 26@28c; ducks, \$2c.